

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1854/MARCH



To the Sec. of the Treasury

Requesting a Warrant to be
issued in favor of the
Treasurer of the Mint for
\$34,225 to meet expenses of
Quarter ending 31st inst.

24. March. 1854.

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Mint of the United States. Philadelphia,

Henry R. Linderman Joseph C. Cross

J. James Ross Snowden James Ross Snowden

James Ross Snowden Director of the Mint

Mint of the United States.

I am Dear

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst,
and referring to so much of it as relates to the subject ~~of the~~

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. March 24. 1854.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause a warrant to be issued in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for the sum of Thirty four thousand two hundred and twenty five dollars, payable out of the appropriation for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st of July last, it being for the Quarter ending on the 31st inst.

Viz:

Salaries of Officers & clerks,	\$ 5,550.
Wages of Labourers, -----	18,000.
Incidental & contingent expenses,	10,375.
Specimens of ores & coins	300.
Amount.	<u>\$ 34,225.</u>

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, March 24th 1854.

Saml Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Sir

I have this day,
received from the Treasury Department, a transfer
draft for Fifty thousand dollars on you,
payable in silver coins, which I forward by Messrs
Adams & Co. You will please transmit the amt,
by them, Thirty five thousand dollars, in quarters,
and Fifteen thousand in halves.

Very Respectfully
Your obt^d Servant,
J. M. J. C. C.
Asst^t Treas^r.

Off to Castle Mar. 27

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 2,105,000 J
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 916.84 J
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 2330.84

1,160
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457.84

2,115,542.68

350.00 (illegible)

\$2,115,892.68

156.50

2,116,049.18

16056.87
 15892.68

164.19
 156.50

7.69 Short

Genl Fund	1,940,470.68
P.O.	31,476.63
Wear note &	554.95
U.S. Loans	11,179.50
Coupons	945.
Pensions	24,114.01
Surp	107,316.10

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia April 22. 1874.

Dear Sir

The Sec. of the Treasury
has requested me to send him
say, 100 more perfect specimens
of the proposed new cent when they
are prepared, accompanied by
a report to be submitted to
Congress.

You will please therefore
adopt measures to have the required
specimens forwarded to me, ac-
companied by your views on
the subject of the proposed new
coinage.

Very Respectfully,
James R. Thompson
Director.

S. C. Booth Esq.
Mint of the U.S.
U.S. Mint.

Land Bank
Newburyport
March 22 1834
C. Dale Esq.
Treasurer of Mine
Philadelphia
D. Sir

I have sent by Express
to day twenty eight hundred dollars
in halves of the old Coinage \$2800.

Please return by the same express
the proceeds as follows

in halves of the new coinage	\$1000
in quarters " " "	1000
in dimes " " "	600
& the balance in half dimes	

Yours respectfully
Jacob Stone
cl

Treasury of the U.S.
22^d March 1854

Sir,

I have this day issued Transfer draft N^o
678 on you, in favor of the asst. Treasurer U.S. New York for \$50,000 payable
in silver coins.

Very respectfully
Your obedt. servt.
Wm Casey
Treasurer U.S.

Treasurer U.S. Mount
Philadelphia

Pa

Draft. deliv^d. to Mr. Costello by Mr. Dellen
Mar: 27

Harrisburg March 21 1834

Jas Ross Snowden Esq Dear Sir

The Penna State Agricultural Society
has instructed me to procure for its
use a Medal die, and not knowing
where to find an experienced die-sinker,
I have thought proper to ask you to
recommend one to me whom you know
to be a competent person to do the
work. Also will you please inform me
if the Society can have impressed at the
Mint over which you have controll a number
of silver Medals - the Society furnishing the
silver and paying all expenses.

Hoping I may be considered as not asking
too much I remain Very truly Yours &c

Wm. C. Walker

Secretary

Penna State Agrl Society

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. March 23, 1854.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday.
The best medal die-cutters in this country are
John A. Mitchell & Co. of Boston and C. C. Wright
of New York. There are some artists also in this
City, one of whom, Mr. J. B. Welsh is now engaged
by the City authorities in making dies for Medals
to be presented to Capt. Crighton & Lowe and others
for their services in saving the passengers & crew of
the steam ship San Francisco. These medals will be
made in a few weeks. If you should happen to
be in Philad^a. I will be glad to show them to you
and give any further information in my power.

As striking medals is not a mint operation,
attempts frequently done at the mint, it has
been usual to obtain the sanction of the Secretary
of the Treasury. I will address the Secretary on
the subject, and present your request, and
when I have his reply, will write to you.

I am, Sir, Respectfully

and truly yours

Robt C. Walker Esq

Sec. Penn^a Agric^l & Mech^l.

Harrisburg Pa.

Samuel Ross Snowden
Director.

Recd 30 March
Ans'd 20—

Montreal March 21st 1854

To James Ross Snowden Esq^r

Sir

Your very kind letter of the 21st Inst is before us, and you will please accept our best thanks for the trouble you have taken.

We will repeat with some little addition what we have already written, about a month back two Canadian men brought to our store a quantity containing 107 Oz of Australian Gold dust including a lump of an oblong shape weighing exactly 4 1/2 Oz and which contained perhaps one ounce of Quartz they wanted 19 Dollars an Oz but we finally made a bargain at 10 3/4 the lump with Quartz in it being weighed with the rest there was added to this about 3 Oz of California making in the whole 109 5/8 Oz the whole enclosed in a leather bag. We requested Mr Simpson the Cashier of the Bank of Montreal to make us an advance on this which he did leaving the Gold with him to send to the Mint to be coined through their Agents in New York the Bank of Commerce as he had done before, no farther instruction was given assuming he would do as he had done before.

instead of which it was much sent on to the
Bank of Commerce for sale when they called
the lump $8\frac{1}{2}$ Oz instead of $4\frac{1}{2}$ Oz deducting
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ Oz for the supposed loss in crushing
and then purchasing at 10 dollars per Oz,
upon our remonstrating with them they sent
word that it had been sent to the ^{mint} as directed
but today the Bank of Montreal received a
letter from ^{them} giving in addition 1044 Dollars
on the purchase but rendering no other
account of the matter, We think the whole trans-
action dishonourable but suppose nothing more
can be done unless we could find out what
became of it, if it would not be giving you
too much trouble we would much like to have
the particulars of the gold assayed for Isaac
Thomas alluded to - and to know also what
Australian gold is worth at the Mint when
melted, Of course in future we will be more
particular in sending to the Mint direct, In the
present case there was in fact no instruction
at all given to the Bank of Montreal simply
by assuming they would do as they have
done before.

We remain your very obedt Servants
Jno Wood & Son

Mr. J. Wood & Son
100 St. James St.
Montreal
To the Bank of Montreal
Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the gold assayed for Isaac Thomas and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Mint for assay. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, J. Wood & Son

J. Wood & Son
Montreal

lost gold

March 1854

Minist. of the U. States

Philad. 21 March 1844

My dear Mr. Wood, of

Montreal.

Gentlemen

I have just recd. your
favor of 17th inst. & regret that it is out of my
power to furnish you with any informa-
tion respecting your Gold & no deposit in
your name appearing on our weight books
since the 1st Jan. last. But one, approximating
it in weight, of 1.5834100, made by the Asst. of
Adams Co. in name of Isaac Thomas.

When so deposited it & drew the proceeds &
must have recd. with the latter a memoir
annu. shewing all the details of the work if
you ^{will} be good enough to send us the number
& date of this document. I will, with great
pleasure, have the matter examined & in-
form you of the result

Very Resp.

Wm. O. Tert.

Samuel R. Thompson
Director.

21 March
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March 17 54

My dear Mr. Wood,
I have just recd. your
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Very Resp.
Wm. O. Tert.
Samuel R. Thompson
Director.

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Mint of the U. States
Chicago 20th March 1884

Messrs Jno. Wood & Co
Montreal.

Gentlemen

Your favor 20th inst. is recd. & I must regret my continued inability to furnish any satisfactory information. A re-examination of our weigh books has been made with no better success than attended the first one, neither do we find any deposit made by or for the Bank of Commerce. I have but to repeat the suggestion made in my former letter, viz. a memorandum must have accompanied the proceeds, if the metal was sent to the Mint, this paper w^d give you all the information respecting it. The deposit in name of Isaac Thomas was made on the 11th Feb. by J. R. Hunter, Mint agent of Adams & Co Express. The weight was 109 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. before melting \$108.76 o. after it was in two bags, marked as containing 111 oz. (which probably included the weight of bags) the quality was very fine (985 thousandths) & value \$204.55. This sum was drawn by Mr. Hunter to transmit on 17th Feb.

The value of Australian Gold, like that of California, varies very much; the average is about \$19.60 p. oz. Thomas' lot you will observe, advances over \$20. p. oz.

Very Resp^{tly}

Wm. C. Galt

Samuel R. P. Anderson
Director.

Recd 21 March
and so

Montreal March 17 54

To the Manager of the U.S. Mint

Sir

The Bank of Montreal sent to the Bank of Commerce New York a Parcel containing 109 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz of Gold. This belongs to us the Bank of Montreal allowing us to draw a check for a part of the amount. This Gold instead of being sent to the Mint was sold to a Broker and upon our remonstrance was returned and then forwarded to you. We do not know the Purchaser but fearing the possibility of fraud we send you an exact description that if it should not answer ~~the exact description~~ you may let us know by Telegraph, a favor for which we respectfully solicit your attention and for which we will of course cheerfully pay. The parcel as we have said contains 109 $\frac{3}{4}$ in this is included 3 oz of California dust in a Paper also several pieces mint with the whole in all about 2 oz more - the entire of the rest is Australian dust very clean excepting

a lump with Quartz in it weighing
exactly $4\frac{1}{2}$ Oz. This piece the Broker said
weighed $8\frac{1}{2}$ Oz which shows at all events
he was not over honest deducting $2\frac{1}{2}$ Oz
loss in the crushing, whether the gold
has undergone any change or not we of
course cannot say but your kind
attention to our enquiries will much

oblige Your Obedt Servants
Jno Wood & Son

P.S. You have several times had gold from us before,
sometimes through the Bank of Montreal

See also account for Isaac Thomas 189.81

From ~~Plate of~~
Mr Wood & Son
Montreal

Respecting Ledger

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PAID

To the Manager of the
U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

MONTREAL
FEB 17
1854

Hörmann

All the gold left Montreal by the Express on the 6th inst

Nov 12. Feb 11. - J. R. Hunt for the Phoenix 109.00 - 108.76
in bags - noted as containing 111.00 - \$2,200.00 - pd J. R. H. 1/2
98 1/2 fine -

Av. val 14.60

Miss A. Bates

March 21st 1854

Sir

The Adjutants of this department
in a respectful note of this date, have desired
me to hand you the accompanying note, signed
in the names of the Ladies by Mrs. A. M. Woods.

I do so in compliance with their request,
and have only to add, that their duties are
faithfully discharged, to my entire satisfaction
very respectfully

Yours obediently

Franklin Pease

Ch. Comm.

Col. J. R. Snowden
Director

Col. Snodden,

Sir,

Having on a former occasion applied personally, and not receiving an answer, I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines relative to an increase of our salary.

The Ladies, feeling the necessity by the increase of their board, and the exorbitant price of every article of food and clothing, have urged me to again make the demand.

Learning also that Teachers, Paleswomen, and other employees have been successful, we trust you will see the propriety of the request, and return us a favorable answer.

With respect I remain, in
behalf of the Ladies of the
Adjusting Room,
L. M. Woods.

Oct 24, 1854,

etc. in
requesting
increase

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desired
expedient
allowance

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Minut of the U States

Phil. March 24, 1854,

Madam,

I have your note, without date, in which "on behalf of the ladies of the adjusting room" you make the demand for an increase of our (your) Salary."

In reply I have to state that there are reasons—among which I may mention the fact of the diminished supply of gold—) which render it inexpedient at this time to increase the per diem allowance in the adjusting room.

Mrs. L. M. Woods
Present,

W.S.
Director

Treasury Department
March 20. 1854.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15.th inst on the subject of the "Washington Copper Cent" and in relation to procuring & preserving the dies from which Medals of a National & Public Character have been struck - and to say, that on the latter subject I shall be pleased to hear further from you at your convenience.

I am very Resp.
Yours Truly
Sec. Treasury.

Wm. P. Snowden Esq
Director of Mint.

Mint of the United States.

Philad^a March 14. 1884.

Sir,

I enclose a bill of Charles G. Willing for goods furnished the Assay Office at New York, to the amount of \$1,652.80, which has been presented to me for payment, & which I have certified to be correct.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servt.

Director,

Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philad. March 16. 1889.

Sir,

The letter of Mr. Peter Whelan, of the 25th ult. having been referred to me for examination and report, I have to state that the Washington Copper Coins were manufactured by the Government, having got up for private purposes by individuals. There were several different kinds of Washington Cent Struck. We have three varieties now in the Mint Cabinet. And it is known that there are four other new Struck. The putting in the first sent by Mr. Whelan exhibits an impression which is new to us. As a relic of the past it might be interesting to preserve it, but its value is diminished from the fact of its being an unauthorized coin, and like the others exposed to purchase for private purposes.

I take this opportunity of saying that heretofore no provision has been made for procuring and preserving the dies from which medals of a national and public character have been struck. Therefore, the personal efforts of the officers of the Mint upwards of fifty of these dies have been obtained and are now in the

Mint. These medals are important monuments of history and the dies from which they are struck should be carefully preserved. The gold medals, from reasons of fortune or other causes, are nearly all in the hands of half a century long at the Mint. It would be a pity and more lasting compliment to the recipients of these honors if copies in bronze should be authorized. It is now and distributed to the various historical societies in the United States.

I may add to this subject again, at present I have only time to make this passing remark.

I have the honor to be
with great respect

Yours faithful servant,

Samuel C. Garrison,
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Treasury of the United States,

March 16th, 1854.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive Treasury Draft
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return
it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment
without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. Rob. Snowden Esq.

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it,
should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking
care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement.
An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be
accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank, or other
Institution.

Recd Draft, No 7562
for \$ 2,602.10

The proposition to ~~mint~~ cast native California gold into bars without separating the silver, seems liable to the following objections:

The purposes intended to be answered by such a course, would be simply these three:

1. To put the metal in such a shape, as to be fit to send direct to the European market.
2. To protect owners from loss by boring and other peculations during the transit.
3. To take off part of the pressure of work from the Mint or its branches on this side.

As to the first point: the metal would be below British standard, & therefore ~~little~~ would not escape the British mint charge. It would also be in many cases contain osmium-iridium, which would subject the owner to vexatious delay & expense, in London.

As to the second point, it seems doubtful whether it is a ^{sufficiently} public object or use to which the Mint should be applied, unless some other important end is to be gained;

since there are a number of private melting establishments ready to do that work.

Lastly, if the unrefined bars had to come here, to be refined, there would be so little saving of labour or trouble, that it does not seem worth while to make a system or regulation in the matter.

The only kind of available bar which the Government can make, out there, (as it seems to us) is, just such a bar as we are making here; nearly fine, free from iridium, and cheaply got out. - It is quite probable that ere long they will be able to make such bars, and at a rate low enough to satisfy shippers; there is every reason why they should fit their own staple article for the world's market, and a feeling of just pride, as well as the competition of business, will no doubt impel them to ~~use every~~ towards this consummation. As soon as the indications are clear, regulations can be established by which the matter will be legalized and successfully carried out.

Treasury Department.

Comptroller's Office

March 16 1854

Hon

Daniel Sturgeon
Treasurer of the
Unit Phil^a.

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Sir

Your account of
Copper Coinage, for the quarter ending 31st
December 1853, has been adjusted at the Treasury,
and a balance of \$ 3 570 ⁷² found to be due
from you to the United States, which consists
as follows. Viz:

Copper Account	\$ 1,644.24
" in hands of Chief Coiner . . .	\$ 283.18
" Coinage	\$ 1,663.37
	<u>\$ 3 570.79</u>

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Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittiny,
Comptroller,

New York Nov 18. 1854

D Sturgeons Sons
Philadelphia
Steamer Friends

We have received by Adams & Co
express 20 kegs cents for of crooked & horse
as per thy letter of 17th

Truly yours
Willetts & Co

Phila^a March 17th 194

James Ross Snowden Esq
At States Mint

Sir

I have a vessel in New
York that will sail in about
2 weeks that can take 30 cans
- oys of Acids, ^{or many} in her House or
Deck. If you have any
to ship you will please let
me know

If you have any other goods
to send aught then I can give
you a fast ship at low rates

Yours respectfully
James R. Smithth
101 So front St

From James H. Smith Jr
Philad^a

Respecting his vessel
about to sail for San Francisco

18th March 1854,

J. J. Maxon, President

CHARTERED
STATE 1807 NATIONAL 1865.

Chas. Thompson, Cashier

Mechanic National Bank

Schenectady, N.Y. March 17 1879

Supt. Mint, @ 3/19

Phila, Pa.

Drafter:

*Will you please say
whether the enclosed coin
is good or bad, & oblige*

*Very truly yours
W. H. Peckham*

To the Sec. of the Treasury

Requesting that you may
be pleased in my hands
to pay \$1000 against the
Adjut. Army Office

17 March 1854

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. March 17. 1884.

Sir, In compliance with your favor of the
11th inst. ~~Since your last enclosure of bills for im-~~
I will cheerfully make the payments in leg-
pments, and materials furnished the Assay Office
to the New York office and deliver you from
at New York others have been presented for payment,
the inclosures for that. You will please
cause the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in my
hands to pay bills which are now presented
that you will send a Treasury Warrant for that
amount.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful servant.

Director.

Am. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philad. March 17. 1854.

Sir;

In compliance with your favor of the 10th inst.
I will cheerfully make payments in regard to the New
York Assay Office and relieve you from the incon-
venience you state. You will please cause the
sum of \$4000. to be placed in my hands to pay
bills which are now presented.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful servant.
Sam. R. Anderson
Director,

Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a March 18. 1854.

Sir,

I herewith enclose to you a few specimens (9) of the proposed one-cent coin. These pieces are prepared solely to exhibit the size and character of the metal. They are intrinsically worth say 80 cents for 100 - a consequent discountage of 20 per cent.

The dies were hastily prepared; the heads being cut by the Copying lathe, from a silver-dollar pattern, with any re-touching or alteration. Both the metal and the devices will be better upon the coin, if authorized. Mr. Booth says, "this metal will not alter in the wear." If desirable more specimens will be forwarded to you when they shall have been prepared.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,

Yours faithfully,

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Samuel R. Mendenhall
Director

Dear Col,

I am compelled to
go to New York this day.
(2 Pm) Have you anything
from the Seat of Government?
- If you will annulate
that great Man, once your
leader - and "who the
responsibility" I will
lean direction to have
the Machinery shipped
this day. ^{Yrs ever} J. R. Curtis

Dear Carl

Sorry I can't say you
before I leave. Will you
do me the great favor to
drop me a line to the Irving
House New York as soon as
you receive advice from
Washington. On receipt of
favorable intelligence I
will return here at once
& proceed to ship the Machinery.

The ship is to sail on the
1st April. I would like to
to have it go forward as soon
as possible but I certainly

Treasury of the United States,

March 18th, 1854.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive Treasury Draft
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return
it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment
without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. Ross Snowden Esq.

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Ans of draft 7572

7,500. to Pay Mr. Curtis
for Cash to for Silver
Coinage at San Francisco
4,000 to pay operation & implement
for New York office
Amt of draft. \$ 7,500

Mint of the United States.
Phila. ? March 20. 1854.

Sir,

Mr. Nashon presented himself at the
Mint to-day with your letter of introduction. We
will afford me much pleasure to give him
every facility in our power in regard to our
accounts of Mint transactions. The suggestion
of his visiting the Mint is an excellent one, and
the result will no doubt be advantageous to the
public service.

I am, Sir, Respectfully,
Yours Obedient Servant,
James R. Thompson
Director.

J. L. Smith Esq.
Auditor.
Treasury Department,

CALIFORNIA LINE FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
BISHOP SIMONS & CO.



SHIP AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
No. 36 North Wharves, Philadelphia.

U.S. Branch Mint
San Francisco

10100 @ 2.12 \$202.00
Freight 50¢ 10.10

\$212.10

SHIPPED in good order and condition, by *Golden West* in and upon the *Ship*
called the *Golden West* whereof
PHILADELPHIA and bound for SAN FRANCISCO, is Master for this present voyage, and now lying in the Port of

10000 Pieces Machinery
Brought Iron Pan
Ice Casting

Be sealed and numbered as in the margin; to be delivered in the like good order and condition, at the aforesaid Port of
SAN FRANCISCO. (the dangers of the Seas, Fire and Collision excepted,) unto
Assignee or they paying Freight for the said Goods.

Two Hundred & Two Dollars
with five per cent. interest and Averaged accustomed. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said Vessel hath
affirmed to Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.
Dated at PHILADELPHIA, the *20th* day of *March* 1855
By *Bishop Simons & Co.*
for *McCallister*

Ypsilanti Mar. 15, 1852

Director U.S. Mint.

Dr Sir

The "specimen" of Lithium just received
But it is not like some I saw some
time since reported to have come from the
Mint. We would be willing to pay twice
the amt asked if it was good. The kind
we saw were in round particles and quite
clean by some process of acid. perhaps you
can send us some that is better will you
try once more. We will compensate you
for your trouble in way of a present.

Yours Truly

W. B. Bartrath & Hutchison

Albion of the United States.
Philad^a. March 24. 1839.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 15th inst. I
have to state that the sample of inclined earth
you fairly represents the kind we have on hand.
You speak of seeing some of a better quality reported
to have come from the Mint, this I suppose refers
to some that Prof. Booth, our brother & neighbor,
collected and separated from a large lot he had on
hand.

I am very Respectfully

Samuel R. Newell
Director.

Wm. Walcott Esq. of the
Mint,
New York.

Recd 16 Mar 1854

June 1853

Office of Meyer & Stuckert

10 Beaver Street

New York 15 March 1854

In the United States and Philadelphia Pa.

We take the liberty to address you on the following subject

From the relations and heirs of late Ernest Odenkrop of Grafton, Kingdom of Hannover, Germany, who died last summer on his passage from England to this port, we received a power of attorney for collection of his estate. The greater part of said estate being represented to us as consisting of a certificate of deposit from the mint of Philadelphia for about 3,000 \$ in Gold or gold coin, which were deposited by him in the early part of last year on his return from California and previous to his departure for Europe, and which he intended to withdraw again on his return from Europe to this country we herewith respectfully request you to inform us whether the above deposit ever has been made and if so, what has become of it; Ernest Odenkrop on his deathbed handed all his property and probably also the above certificate over to the master of the vessel on board of which he was a passenger, no clue however can be found to the vessel or Captain's name.

for case the above stated fact as to a deposit
of gold or money by August Gumpert is correct, and
the amount not yet withdrawn, you will please to
retain it in your possession, until we shall pro-
duce a power of attorney from his heirs in form
many constituting us as only legal receivers of
the estate. The power which is now in our
hands is deficient and invalid owing to mis-
take on part of the German authorities, and before
we can justly make any claim we have to write
back to Europe and ask for a corrected one, made
out according to the laws of the United States.
For the meantime any information you may be able
to give us on the subject will be gratefully re-
ceived. Would you please send a general power of
attorney require a separate power for the delivery of
Gumpert's property to us?
Your early reply will much oblige us.
Sincerely,
Gentlemen.

Your obedt. Servt.
Wm. H. Smith

Gerard College, March 15th 1854.

Dear Sir,

I must acknowledge that I am
under a great obligation to you, for having
sent me so valuable an article, and more
particularly, since it is from the hands
of a stranger; therefore throwing off the
impediment of useless words, I do not do not
believe I could do greater credit to myself,
than to give expression to my real feelings,
by saying "I thank you"

Yours,

Daniel Donnell.

Treasury Department
March 15. 1854.

Sir

In order to avoid the trouble and delay in settling a separate account for each Bill presented for supplies or furnished for the assay office at N. York. Money will be sent on your requisitions, to pay them. When all the bills are paid you will be pleased to state an a/c and enclose them as your vouchers &c -

A draft will be sent by this or the next mail for the amount of the Bills of Messrs. Walling and Bird, herewith returned.

I am very Resp
Yours to serve
Sec Treasury

J. Pop Browder -
Director of the Mint

From the Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing 1 Billo against
the N York Assay office
& states that Money will
be sent to this Court
to pay those which shall
be in future presented,

16th March 1854,

New York March 15th 1854
The Sup^t of Mint

Dear Sir Please stop
any Gold of this description if offered
to get melted or coined, and have the
person arrested

And Ob^{ly} Yours
Very Respectfully
J^m H. Stephens
Police Office
New York

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. March 10th 1854.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 13th inst
enclosing my Commission as Director of the
Mint since my Confirmation by the Senate.

I enclose my oath of office
taken before Judge Kane.

Very Respectfully
your Obedt servant.

Samuel Ap. Newman
Director.

Hon. John A. Whittier,
Comptroller,
Treasury Department,
Washington City.

In the District Court of the United States in and
for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania:

I James Ross Snowden having been
appointed by the President and with the advice
and consent of the Senate Director of the Mint of
the United States at Philadelphia do swear that I
will diligently and faithfully perform the duties of my
Office: I furthermore swear that I will support the Con-
stitution of the United States.

Sworn and Subscribed by James Ross Snowden
Ross Snowden above named before
me, this 20th day of March
A.D. 1854

J. H. C.
Judge of U.S.D.C.

Watburg March 15th 1854

Mr Jas Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

We have great pleasure in being able to inform you that we have at last succeeded in getting two bars of steel large enough for your rolls, and also that the steel is perfect and of the right quality. We are now turning them and wish you to inform us whether the bearings are to be turned up to the working surface of the roll to a square corner or whether the corner is to left in, if the corner is to be left in, will you please say how much of it. We feel mortified at so long a delay about these rolls, but we have perfect confidence now in being able to finish you a pair of rolls in a short time, that will prove better than any you have ever had.

Yours very truly
Blake & Johnson

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. March 21. 1854.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 18th inst. As
we did not receive the steel rolls according to agree-
ment, we were obliged to have recourse to chilled
rolls to supply the exigency, and to replace the
steel rolls whilst the latter were being ground and
otherwise repaired. This has been done completely
and satisfactorily, and the chilled rolls are laid aside
to be again used when the necessity shall arise.
Under these circumstances I regret to state that
for the present at least I will be unable to purchase
the rolls which you are making. Perhaps hereafter
I may find it necessary or convenient to purchase them.
If so, I will gladly do it.

In reply to your inquiry as to the
manner in which the hearings are to be turned, I have
to state that hearings should be turned up to a cone
where they join the bosses or working surfaces of the
rolls - thus

The radius of the cone being
one half inch.

I am, very Respectfully,
Yours R^ol^ler
W. S. R. Menden
Director.

Wm. B. & A. Moore,
Manufacturers
Cincinnati.

Mint of the United States
Philad.^a March 13th 1854.

Sir,
I am in

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. March 14. 1854.

Sir,

I enclose a bill of Charles L. Willing for work
and materials for the Assay Office at New York
to the amount of \$1,602.00, which has been presented
to me for payment and which I have certified
to be correct.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Wm James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States
Philad.^a March 13. 1854.

Sir,

Your letter of the 9th inst enclosing \$125,
in Bank Notes has been received. Gold only is
received at the Mint in exchange for Silver coin
at the Mint, but as the return of the Bank Notes
would subject you to inconvenience & expense, I have
had them converted into gold, and have transmitted
by Adams & Co. express the above named amount
in silver & half dimes.

New York, the United States.

March 18, 1854.

Messrs. Walcott & Co.

Gentlemen,

I have your letter of the 11th inst. & in compliance with your request send a specimen of "Biddian", the price of which is 3 pence.

I am very respectfully

Yours,

To, Sec of the Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing Bills of Mr
Bird against my,
Army Office

13th March. 1854.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a March 13th 1854.

Sir,

I enclose a bill of Isaac Bird for implements
furnished for the Assay Office at New York, to the
amount of \$900, which I have certified to be correct.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servt,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Mount of the United States
Phelad^a March 13. 1854.

Sir,

I enclose a bill of Sarah Bine for
improvements furnished the Survey Office at New
York to the amount of \$900, which has been
presented to me for payment, & which I have
certified to be correct.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servt

Director.

Wm James G. Harris
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a March 13, 1884.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. with the enclosure stated. Gold only is received at the Mint in exchange for Silver Coin, but as the return of the Bank Notes would subject you to inconvenience & expense, I have had them converted into Gold & have transmitted by express the amount \$125, in Dimes & Half Dimes.

Minist of the United States
Philad^a March 18. 1864.

Sir,

Your letter of the 9th inst enclosing \$120.
in Bank Notes has been received. Gold only is
received in exchange for Silver Coin at the Mint,
but as the return of the Bank Notes would
subject you to inconvenience and expense,
I have had them converted into gold & have
transmitted by Adams & Co express the above
named amount in Silver & Half Dollars.

I am very Respectfully,

Director.

J. F. Lewis Esq
Cleveland
Ohio,

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's office.
Mar 13 1854

James Ross Inverness
Director of the Mint
of Philadelphia

Sir

I enclose herewith
your Commission as Director of the Mint at
Philadelphia, you having been confirmed as
such by the Senate of the United States, and upon
the receipt of which, you will be pleased to transmit
your oath of office to this Department.

Most Respectfully,
Eliza Whittelsey-
Comptroller.

(Box 110)

New York 2 Williamsch
3^d Mar 1864.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of Decy 27th
has only just reached me. It
lacked special direction & I am
indebted to an accident for its
receipt.

I beg to say that I did
not contract to supply the weight
for the balance, but through
the misapprehension of the maker
they were furnished at my expense
& were shipped with the balance.

I shipped a supply of fire
bricks & clay, ample for Lickworth's
use. Although it would not be
amiss for the Government to send
out an additional invoice as
the

Lathe can not be procured in
San Francisco & the former are
sold at high rates.

I shall return to Philadelphia
a day or two for the purpose
of shipping the Machinery
intended for the Silver Company,
when I shall certainly accompany
the pleasure of paying my
respects. With much respect

Yours cordially

Wm. B. Lewis

Wm. B. Lewis
Director of Mining
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

It will be satisfactory to the Mint
if the Councils allow the Penn^a Railroad Company
permission to place a railroad track along Juniper
Street to Chestnut.

May. With the Secretary of the Company
opposes one that every facility will be given us
in regard to the use of the Street for our Mint
operations and the supply of fuel and materials.

I take this opportunity of thanking
you and the other members of your Committee
for the interest you accorded in regard to
the laying of rails along Juniper & Olive Streets.

I am, with great respect

Yours M^t servant,
James B. Franklin
Director

Sam^l Popeland Esq
Chairman, Committee
on Public Highways

Mint United States.
Phil^a March 2, 1854.

Mint of the United States.

Philad^a. March 23. 1854.

Sir,

I enclose a copy of a letter I received from the Sec. of the Penn^a. Agricultural Society, and refer you specially to that part of the letter which recommends the striking of silver medals for the Society.

I am preparing some further suggestions in regard to the subject of Medals, in addition to the few remarks I presented on the 16th inst, and to which in your letter of the 20th inst you invite my attention. I will address you again, as soon as my other affairs' engagements will permit me the opportunity of maturing my ideas upon the subject.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your faithful servant,
Samuel D. Knicker
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Treasury Department
March 23. 1856.

Sir

The Treasurer of the U.S. has issued
a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the
Mint at Philad^a in favor of the Asst. Treasurer
at N. York for \$50,000 payable in Silver Coins.
I will thank you to cause this to be sent
to N. York in Coins of such denominations as
the Asst. Treasurer may require.

I am very Respc^l.

Yours for the
Sec Treasury

J. Ruf. Menden
Director of the Mint.

From the Secy of the Treasury

States that a draft has
been issued for \$50,000 on the
at Treasury in Philad in favor of
the Art Treas at your

Re lt
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25 March, 1854.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. March 25, 1854.

Sir,

I have recently caused a statement to be prepared showing the net expenses of the Mint at this City for the last six years. As it may be interesting to you, I present the following summary.

Mint at Philad ^a .		
1848, Net expenses	\$ 44,141.88	
1849 " "	58,861.32	
1850 " "	71,285.54	
1851 " "	90,816.77	
1852 " "	40,707.39	\$ 305,812.90
1853 Excess of receipts beyond expenses	102,420.96	
Net expenses for six years.	\$ 203,391.94	

It will be seen that during the last year, the receipts have considerably exceeded the expenditures, thus producing a profit to the government. This arises mainly from the profits on the silver coinage and the charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the gold coinage.

I have the honor to be
With great respect, your faithful servant,
James R. Thompson
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury.

Philadelphia, March 31, 1854.

The United States
to Geo. W. Edelman, (Dr.)

For Services rendered, as Clerk to the Treasurer of
the U. S. Assay Office at New York, @ \$2000 per
annum, as per the Commission from the Secretary
of the Treasury dated October 4th, 1853.

from Oct. 5. to Dec. 31, 1853, inclusive, \$ 478.26
Jan. 1. to Mar. 31, 1854. 500. -

\$ 978.26

Correct,
James Buchanan
Director U. S. Mint

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia March 25, 1854.

Sir,

I have to request that you will place
among the enclosed bill of Mr. Edelman's to two pounds.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obedt. Servant,
James A. B. Breckenridge
Collector.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

To the Sec. of the Treasury

Renewing his attention
to my letter of the 1st inst
respecting a supply of ~~fruit~~

27 March. 1854,

W. W. S.

Mint of the United States.
Chicago: March 27, 1854.

Sir,

In view of the fact of the necessity of
having a supply of fine pure Belgium, I
beg leave to direct your attention to my
letter of the 1st inst on that subject.

I have the honor
to be, with great respect,
Your faithful servant,

James Appleton
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 26, 1850.

Sir,

Your letter of the 24th inst. has been received, and, on fully considering your application, we have concluded that it would not be proper for us, — now at least, — to accede to it. We are satisfied with those that have long and faithfully furnished us with copper planchets, and we find inconvenient and confusing ^{found} by multiplying the number of persons engaged by us in this business.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,
Director

Edw. F. Green, Esq. }
No. 61, Broadway, }
New York. }

To the Sec, of the Treasury

Respecting Silver coin from
St. L. to St. Louis being in
reply to a letter addressed
to the Sec, of the Treas^y by
the Asst Treas^r at St. Louis

27. March. 1854.)

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. March 27. 1854.

Sir:

The letter of the Asst Treasurer at St Louis
referred to the Treasurer of the Mint has been handed
to me by that officer. In reply I have to state that
the draft referred to was handed to Messrs Adams & Co
on the 20th of January last, who were to collect it and
transport the proceeds to St Louis, & who inform me
that they received intelligence of the coin having
reached Louisville several days since, & think that
~~it must have reached its destination.~~
the ex mot.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant.

Sincerely,

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, March 27th 1854

Genl Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir

I have this day
received by Adams & Co's Express ten kegs
of silver coins, said to contain \$5,000 each.
I forwarded to you the 1st of Feb'y 40 empty
kegs, and to day 34. making in all 74.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant,

Wm J Cullen
Ass^t Treas^r

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Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office.

March 27th 1854.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your amount.
of ordinary and Contingent Expenses of the
Mint, for the quarter ending the 31st Decr,
1853, has been adjusted at the Treasury,
and a balance of \$ 21,245.55 found to
be due from you to the United States, which
agrees with your amount.

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittelsey-
Comptroller,

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington March 27th 1854.

Sir,

The Secretary of War has
referred to this Office your request for an order
on Major Crossman, for a flag for the use of
the mint.

You are authorized to procure one
upon paying to Major Crossman its cost price.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

W. D. Phelps

Quartermaster General

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
March 28. 1854.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of the 23rd & 25th instants. Authority may be given to have the medals referred to struck, provided the regular operations of the Mint be not interrupted, and that the Applicants pay all the expenses which may be incurred.

The statement showing the net expenses of the Mint for the last six years is very acceptable, but the Department will be glad if you will furnish a statement showing the net receipts as well as the expenses and the net profits as the result for each year.

I am very Resp^l.

James M. Smith
Sec Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of Mints

From. Hon. James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Respecting the striking of
Medals at the Mint, & asking
for a Statement showing
the Ex penses. Receipts &
Profits of the Mint, for
the period mentioned in
my Letter of the 25th Inst,

29. March. 1854.

Office of Army Clothing Equipment
Philadelphia March 28 1854

My dear Sir:

Agreeably to your note, Mr. Serg^t
Parker, I have given him an order on the Military
Store Keeper, Capt R M Foster, Schuylkill Arsenal
for 1 Garrison Flag &
1 Horn Do

For which, I enclose account in duplicate

And am, respectfully,
very truly yours,
G. H. Brown
Major & Qu M

A R Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Phil^a

From To May Crossman,

Respecting Hags

28th March 1854

Col. Sherman
West Point

Dr. Sir: I would advise you to
purchase two Flags: - One of them a storm
Flag, for windy and bad weather; and the
other, for calm pleasant weather. This
is the way at all Military Posts. Our large
Garrison Flags are 38 by 20 feet, and our
Storm Flags 10 by 20 feet. The first cost \$34.32
and the latter \$11.76 each.
Yours Respectfully
G. H. Croaman
28 March 1874
Col. Sherman

West United States
Phila. March 28, 1874

My Dear Sir,

In accordance with
your excellent suggestion I will
procure from you a Garrison
flag and a storm flag.
You will please cause
them to be delivered to my Color-
Sergeant. - The bearer, Sergt. Parker.
And furnish duplicate bills for
the cost. prices of the flags. which
I will cause to be paid.

Yours truly & Respectfully

Samuel R. P. Wheeler
Adjutant U.S. Army.

Maj. Croaman
U.S. Army.
Phila.

Col. Sherman
West Point

Dr. Sir: I would advise you to
purchase two Flags: - One of them a storm
flag, for windy and bad weather; and the
other, for calm pleasant weather. This
is the way at all Military Posts. Our large
Garrison Flags are 38 by 20 feet, and our
Storm Flags 10 by 20 feet. The first cost \$34.30
and the latter \$11.76 each.

Col. Sherman

Yours Respectfully
G. H. Crooman
28 March 1854.

West United States
Phil^a. March 28/1854.

My Dear Sir,

In accordance with
your excellent suggestion I will
procure from you a garrison
flag and a storm flag.
You will please cause
them to be delivered to my Color-
Sergeant. - The bearer, Sergt. Parker.
And furnish duplicate bills for
the cost-price of the flags. Which
I will cause to be paid.

Yours truly & Respectfully

Samuel R. P. Wheeler
Director U.S. Mint.

Maj. Crooman,
U.S. Army.
Phil^a?

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. March 27. 1854.

Sir:

The letter of the Assistant Treasurer at St Louis
~~respecting~~ ~~respecting~~ referred to the Treasurer of the Mint
has been handed to me by that officer

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia March 29th 1854

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 28th inst. I send you the following statement, showing the total receipts as well as the total expenses of the Mint, and the net cost or gain as the result for each year

Total Expenses	Total Receipts of the U. S. Mint. Philad ^a
1848 \$61,938.07—	\$17,796.19 = net cost for 1848 \$44,141.88
1849 87,702.56—	30,871.24 = " " " 1849 56,831.32
1850 245,077.38—	173,791.84 = " " " 1850 71,285.54
1851 440,916.23—	350,089.46 = " " " 1851 90,826.77
1852 371,296.64—	330,589.25 = " " " 1852 40,707.39
1853 427,643.99—	530,064.95 = net profit for 1853 \$102,420.96

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your faithful serv^t
Hon. James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
James Ross Snowden
Director

Treasury Department
March 30th 1834

Sir. I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant respecting a supply of zinc to be used in refining gold, which will be required at the New York Assay office, and requesting permission to give the order for the same.

You are hereby authorized to order one hundred tons, as you suggest, from Belgium.

The Department desires to be informed if the zinc cannot be stored, according to the proportions required, in the Mint and assay office.

The official Bond of Marcia Morfit

Mt. Melted & Refiner, inclosed in your letter, has been placed on file in the proper office.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt. servt.

James K. Smith
Secy. of the Treasury.

James Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

Per W. S.

From The Sec of the Treasury

Authorizing me to order
1000. Tons of Flour, orders
to be informed as to its
storage. also states that
the official Bond of the
subject has been filled.

31st March. 1854,

To, the Sec. of the Treasury

Payment of \$100,000.
to Adams & Co for trans-
ferring \$100,000. Silver
bullet from N.Y.

31. March 1854,

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 30, 1854,

Sir,

In compliance with your favor of yesterday
I have directed the payment to Wheeler & Co
of \$10,000 the amount charged for transportation
of the first millions of ^{gold} ~~silver~~ coins from New Orleans
to Phila. and caused the same to be charged
as an expense incident to the silver coinage.

The second millions is now being delivered at
the Mint; the costs of transportation will be
paid in like manner.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully,
Your faithful servant,

James A. B. Alexander
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

New York March 30. 1854

R. M. Patterson Esq

Dear Sir,

We send you by Hardcastle's
Express this day, Six hundred & fifty Castions in Gold Dust,
in a Package to your address, which ^{will} please have Coined -
and send us returns for the same ^{in the} proceeds, by Hardcastle's
express, who are authorized to receive the same.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servts
McLean & Sinton

New York March 30th 1854
Col. J. R. Snowden
Director of the U.S. Mint

Sir,
Having been appointed Melter & Refiner
to the Assay Office in New York, I take
the liberty of requesting you as director of
that office, to please send me a copy of
the Laws relating to the U.S. Mint, and by
so doing, oblige

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt

Edward M. Kent

I hope soon to have the pleasure of
calling upon you personally, in company with my
friend Dr. Torrey.

Mint of the United States.
Philad. March 31. 1854.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your
favor of yesterday, I send you a copy of
the Mint laws. It will give me great
pleasure to give you any information in
our power relative to the discharge of
the duties which have been assigned you.
I am & will be happy to see you at N. J.
Jersey at the Mint, at whatever time may
suit you, & his, Comminde.

I am, very Respectfully

Samuel R. Anderson
Director.

Edward W. Kent Esq.
Molitor & Refiner.
U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

J. Hale Esq. Ch. Comm.
Went. U. State.

Philad^a Mar 30th 1854

Dear Sir: my contract for supplying you with coal being nearly expired, I take the liberty of submitting proposals for the coming year, and hope they will meet your approval. I labored under a great disadvantage last season in having to pay such heavy premiums amounting in some instances to \$30 per trip which has left me out of pocket in my last year's transactions with you. Owing to breakage in Canal and other unavoidable occurrences I had to get in my coal as I best could and in consequence may not at all times have given you the coal in as good order or as free from slate as I could wish. I do not anticipate any such difficulties this season. I have purchased three boats which will run exclusively to me and have contracted for 1500 tons of the best coal that will be mined in the Schuylk Region suitable for your consumption. I think the foremen and engineers will bear me out in saying that my coal, taking the average the year through has given satisfaction and that I have shown every disposition to accommodate. My proposal is to deliver you all the furnace coal you may require at \$5.50 per ton of 2240 lbs until Sept 1, 1855. The coal I will deliver is A. 1. and will give entire satisfaction. Hoping to receive a favorable answer I remain

Yours truly
Chas. M. Cord
28 Walnut St

Wm. A. Webb & Co.
March 20/54

Respecting contract for
coal

Office of the Haystack Coal Co.

Philad^a March 28. 1854

Wm. J. Possemonder

We propose to furnish
the U. S. Mint with Haystack Coal
of the best quality and in good order
in such sizes as you may direct
for the year commencing April 1st 1854
at \$5.37 per ton.

We respectfully refer
you to Dr. S. Moore President of the Haystack
Coal Co. for our responsibility.

Yours respectfully

A. B. Barber

1854.

CONDITIONS

FOR THE

SALE AND SHIPMENT OF LEHIGH COAL.

THE LEHIGH COAL AND NAVIGATION COMPANY make the following Conditions and Stipulations, in regard to all orders for their Coal, viz.:

Cargoes of Coal, for shipping, are sold, deliverable at Bristol on the Delaware, on board of vessels, during the season of Canal navigation; and all contracts for the delivery of Coal, not executed during the current season of Canal navigation, will expire with the close of said season.

All Coal, for which orders are given, must be taken by the purchasers, regularly, in full monthly proportions, during the season of Canal navigation; but no purchaser shall be entitled to more than a monthly proportion of his order, unless found consistent with the convenience of the Company to deliver it; and each Cargo is to be paid for as delivered.

The prices of all Coal sold, deliverable by the Company in boats, or on board of vessels, will be subject to any advances that may be made in the rates of freight, tolls, or towing, previously to the shipment of the Coal.

Captains of vessels sent by purchasers for their Coal, must take an order from the Company's Office at Philadelphia, report themselves, on arriving at Bristol, to the Company's Agent, and take their regular turn in loading, according to the time of their arrival, and when loaded, sign their Bills of Lading.

Every exertion will be used to give despatch, but the Company is not to be liable for demurrage, nor for any consequence resulting from unavoidable delay.

The Coal, when delivered on board of vessels, boats, or barges, is to be at the risk of the purchasers. Bills of Lading, or other regular evidence of shipment, to be proof of delivery, as regards time, quantity, and kind of Coal.

The officers of the Company or its agents will, when requested by purchasers, exert, without charge therefor, their best efforts to procure vessels, boats or barges; but the Company declines all responsibility in relation thereto.

The Company will not be responsible for the non-delivery of Coal, if in consequence of the neglect of purchasers to order its delivery, or of their neglect or refusal to receive it as above provided for; or if caused by combinations or strikes among miners, boatmen, or laborers, or by breaches or other unavoidable accidents in the mines, or on the canals or railroads, or by other causes beyond their control.

Every contract for the delivery of Coal must stand upon its own merits, as regards price, terms, and conditions of sale.

Orders will not be binding, unless acknowledged and accepted in writing by the Company.

Contracts not transferable except with the assent in writing of the Company.

Orders for Coal must be in writing, subject to the above conditions; and if for Coal, to be delivered in Lehigh scow-boats, subject further, to the printed Conditions on the back hereof.

Minist of the United States
Philad. April 7, 1854,

Gentlemen:

I have your favor of the 31st ult. and to wit.

Your proposition to supply coal for the Mint, on the terms stated is ~~approved~~ approved. You will deliver the coal from time to time as may be requested by the operative officers of the Mint.

I am very respectfully
and truly yours

Signed Wm. Hays Smith
Director

Wm. Hays Smith.

Coal Dealer

Willow St. Wharf
Philad.

Willow St. Wharf Philad.
April 6th 1854

Col S R Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Dear Sir,

We have Ascertained the proper Sizes of Coal required in the several departments of the Mint, and agree to furnish each with ~~the~~ a supply of the sizes required for one year from the 1st inst. on the Conditions and Price (Five ²⁵/₁₀₀ dollars) named in our Proposal of the 31st ultimo.

The mere acknowledgment of the receipt of this communication, and your approval of our proposition, will be a sufficient Contract for us. And we are ready at any time to commence the delivery.

We are
Very Respectfully
Your obedt. Servts.
Hays & Smith

We the undersigned propose to Supply to the
United States Mint Chestnut St. Fifteen Hundred tons
of pure Lehigh Egg Coal. To deliver the same in
carts in such amount of tons as may be required
per week for consumption, to prepare the coal by
thoroughly screening, and picking it clear of slate.
to deliver 2240 lbs to the ton, at Five ²⁵/₁₀₀ dollars per
ton, and the whole subject to the conditions of the
printed Circular of the Lehigh Company herewith sent.
of which we and all their Customers are bound by.
the whole to be delivered in one year from this date.

Phila^a
March 31 1854.

Hayes & Smith

March 31, 1854.

Balances

255
20
295
1/2 190
1/4 182.50

Mint paper

2,762,645.93

✓ Ordinary fund

23,251.15
2,785,897.08

Mint
bars

Ordinary 4645.

20.000

Gold

2.460

Silver & cents

2.89

788.26

\$23,251.15

718.26
70

788.26 M. Edelman
Receipts

Mint. paper

No 2

765.000

No 1

1,015,789.

~~No 2~~

box

19,667.60

bars

~~77.~~

75,199.00

1,873,653.60

Gold

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bars

bars

boxes

295

1/2 190

1/4 182.50

4,100.00

den 64.50

1/4 57.10

cost 3.23

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Silver

No 3

No 1

boxes & bars

Silver bars

688.000

129,100

67,000

4892.33

888,992.33

Gold	1,873.653.60
Sil	888,992.33
Boxen & Rev	4,892.33

1,767,538.26
23,251.15

1,790,789.41

1,873.653.60
888.992.33
23.251.15

2,785,897.08

~~4500~~
~~22500~~
~~900~~
~~172500~~
~~245~~

\$1495.

6 bags	48 ✓	5000 each
	45 ✓	"
	44 ✓	"
	81 ✓	"
	8 ✓	"
	33 ✓	"
	30 ✓	"
	19 ✓	"
	25	"
	30	"

416

	5000	4,000
July 6 bags	2,080,000	1,800
Remnants in bags	5,800	
		<u>5,800</u>

2,085,800.00
 7905.68

2,093,705.68
 125,350

508 ✓
 1160 ✓
 1495 ✓
 3163 ✓
 200 ✓
 350

1010
 50
1160

5.00 each
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 257.84 has 2 doc.
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Philadelphia March 31st 1854

Sir

The undersigned respectfully beg leave to submit his report, for the first quarter of the present year. During the period referred to, there has been received six Invoices containing 129 Kegs of Copper Planchets; and has been coined therefrom 92 Kegs of cents, and three do. of halfcents. Weighing in all 22,781 lbs 4 oz, when coined equal to \$9,717-22, of that sum there is on hand up to the present time \$3,500 ready to deliver whenever called for. There are also on hand 34 Kegs of Planchets ready for the commencement of the second quarter.

It may not be out of place to say to you, the propriety of considering, whether it is necessary to have more than from four to five thousand dollars of Planchets per month, provided, that amount could be delivered at the Mint regularly.

That quantity will be sufficient, to meet all demands that will be wanted, unless there should be some new channel for the use or sale of cents. There was but a limited supply of Copper Planchets, received in the months of January, and February, and yet there was sufficient for all demands.

Appended is a monthly statement showing the amount coined in each month, and the gain or percentage in favor of the Government over first cost.

Wm. James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Very Respectfully
Yours Daniel S. Jencks
Comr of Copper

Coined in the month of January	Pieces 152-541-	Value \$1525.41
Do ————— Do — cents February	55-360 —	276-80
Do ————— Do — February	122-217 —	1222-17
Do ————— Do — March	669-284 —	6692-84
	<u>999-402</u>	<u>\$9717-22</u>

Imperfect Planchets	cents 267-	267
Do ————— Do — 1/2 Do	64 — equal to 32	
	Pieces — <u>331</u>	Value <u>\$2.99</u>

Total amount for the quarter —	\$9717.22
Do Pounds of Copper 22.781 lb 49 2400	9.112-50
Imperfect	604-72
	2-99
Gain over full cost for the Government	<u>\$607-71</u>

3/4 1/2 \$9717.22
 1/4 4858.61
 2429.30
 7287.91

26
 78
 2
 156

22.781 22.781
 40 1.6
 91240 136686
 22781
 36449.6

Note Deduct 1 cent 6 mills per lb cost of
 Transportation of Coins to Mint 364.50
 appt profit \$ 243.21
 But from this deduct expense of Coinage
 22.87 say 3/4 of 1/2 cent 22.87
 1.56 1.56

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1854/APRIL

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Treasury Department

First Auditors Office

April 22^d 1854

Wm. Daul Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadel^a

Sir,

Anticipating the transmission of your Million accounts for the 1st Quarter 1854 at or about this time and having under examination those of the Tr. closing 31st Decr. last I beg leave to call your attention to what seems to be an error in the Golds account of the Miller & Refiner - to wit

Gold Million deposited for coinage: returned to him per warrant of the Director No 20 D.D. 674,357.857 = \$12,546,192.68 entered into the account at \$12,546,171.24, and in the warrant of the Director at \$12,546,191.24, showing a discrepancy as entered and the true value \$21.⁴⁴/₁₀₀, and as entered and the warrant, \$1.⁴⁴/₁₀₀ - The result, is that the Miller & Refiner's balance is less by \$2.⁴⁴/₁₀₀, and the balance of Gold Million in hands of the Treasurer more by that sum than they should be. The general result however is not affected, one error compensating the other, as shown in the summary statement - If I am correct

in supposing this ^{an} error, you will please make the necessary
corrections in your next accounts. Is it not practicable to
give the exact value of standard weight in all cases?

Very Respectfully
your obt. servt.

T. L. Smith
Auditor.

Custom House, Norfolk.

April 22. 1854

Sir,

Please find below a receipt for one keg, received
this day per Adams & Co's Exports, from the mint of the
United States, purporting to contain \$50,000 in gold.

Very respectfully

Your ob. servt.

J. T. Sawyer, Depository

James Ross Snowden, Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Custom House, Norfolk

Depository Office

April 22^d 1854.

Received per Adams & Co's Exports from the United
States Mint at Philadelphia, one keg purporting to con-
tain Fifty Thousand dollars in gold of the following
denominations, to wit: Eagles \$20,000, Half Eagles \$10,000, 2^d Eagles \$10,000, Gold
dollars \$10,000.

J. T. Sawyer, Depository

New York April 21st 1854.

Col. J. Ross Snowden

Director of the U.S. Mint,

Sir,

Since my return from Phil^a, I have visited the buildings now in progress for the Assay office, and have been informed by Capt. Cullum that he has already reported to the Secretary of the Treasury that the offices in the front building designed for the use of the Assayer & Melter and Refiner, are ready for occupancy. As the largest portion of the new building is to be devoted to the operations belonging to my department, and as Capt. Cullum has expressed a desire to have the cooperation of the officers in the arrangement of the apparatus &c, I should be happy to receive authority to take possession of my office at once, so as to be enabled to assist in the arrangement above mentioned.

It is now time that arrangements were made for the supply of Nitric acid, 40 or 50 Carboys of which ~~which~~ will probably be required per day, and unless contracts are immediately made with parties here, it will necessarily involve great expense to the Government for freight from and return of Carboys to Phil^a. This, together with the danger of shipping acid, and the uncertainty of a constant supply renders it desirable if possible to contract with parties

in New York for a constant supply of this indispensable article, and which if possible should also be made in or near this city.

Suitable men are also to be engaged for the work in my department, and as I am to be responsible for their acts, it is desirable that I should have sufficient time to engage them, and examine into their character before placing them in the positions they will be required to fill.

At the suggestion of Capt. Cullen, I have consented to meet with himself and Dr Torrey at the office of Prof. Booth in the U. S. Mint at Phil^a on Tuesday next, and doubtless it will be necessary for me to make several visits to Phil^a in connection with the duties of my office. As I cannot afford to do this, or attend to the preliminary duties above suggested, before the time when my pay commences, I beg leave to suggest the propriety of vesting in me the necessary authority to begin the duties of my office at once, and before entering upon them duties I have the honor to enclose the Bond and Oath of Office required by Law, and trusting that this together with above suggestions will meet with your approbation, I await your instructions, and remain

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servant

Edward H. Kent

Melter & Refiner

U. S. Assay Office

To the Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Ask permission for Prof. Brewster
to visit at your table
in Capt. Cullum's building
up certain fixtures, &c.
with assay office

25th April

Mint of the United States.
Philad: April 25, 1854.

Sir,

Capt Cullum, U.S. Army, Sup^t of the
Construction of the New York Assay office, is desirous
of having, for a few days, the assistance and
advice of Mr. Booth, the Melter & Refiner of the
Mint, in putting up the apparatus and fixtures
for that office. I have therefore to request
that I be permitted to send Mr. Booth to
New York for that purpose.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours faithfully,
James Thompson
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
 Philad^a April 21st 1854.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst I have
 to inform you that a deposit of gold in grains & lump
 weighing 127.58 was made at the Mint by one Thomas

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Mint of the United States.

Philad^a: April 24, 1854

Sir,

I enclose the official bonds of Edwence M. Kent Esq, Meltor & Refiner of the Assay Office at New York, with my approval.

Mr. Kent informs me that Capt. Cullum, Supt. of Construction, has reported to you that the offices in the front building designed for the use of the Assayer & the Meltor & Refiner are ready for occupancy. It would be advantageous to have the Co-operation and assistance of these officers in putting up the apparatus and other official arrangements of that establishment, and with that view it would be convenient if they received authority to take possession of their offices at once. Mr. Kent, with S. Torrey, was with us a few days last week, and he informs me, they, together with Capt. Cullum will be here tomorrow evening, under these circumstances it seems proper that his salary should commence, either from the time of his appointment, or at least after a short period as you should think right and proper. I present this subject to your notice, at his request.

In order that the paper printing acids may be
procured advantageously, and at as little cost
as possible, I will invite proposals from the
Manufacturers of this City, to deliver them at short
notice in such quantities as from time to time may
be needed, and will request Mr. Kent to procure
similar proposals from Manufacturers in that
City.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

James R. Chambers
Director.

Mrs. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

To Prof. V. Booth

Directing him to communicate
his views on certain points
relative to the holding
for the Assay Office
To Dr. Toney & Mr. Kent,

26th April 1854,

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. April 26. 1858.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the
request of S. Torrey and Mr.
Kent of the New York Assay
office, you will please communicate
to them your decision on the points
they have indicated to you in respect
to the arrangement of the interior
of the building intended for that office.
The principal point, being, as to the
effect the location of the lower
story, on its adaptation to other
purposes, and also how the upper
part and basement operations
of the assay office.

I am, very Respectfully
and Truly yours

Samuel R. Thompson
Director.

Prof. S. C. Douth

Miner & Refiner Assay Office.

To
E. A. Kent Esq
Master of Prison
Assay Office
N.Y.

State that I have approved
his Official Bond &
returned it to the Department
& respecting proposal,
for supplying acids
for the Assay Office

24th April 1854

Mint of the United States.
Philad.^a April 24, 1854.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 21st enclosing
your official bonds as Master & Refiner of the New
York Assay office, which I have approved and trans-
mitted to the Treasury Department. And have also
communicated your request that you be permitted to
take charge of the office of your office at once so as to
be enabled to assist in the arrangement of the apparatus.
And I have also presented the propriety of your salary con-
tinuing immediately.

In conformity with your suggestion in
relation to the supply of nitric or fuming acid, I shall
request the parties supplying the same to this Mint, to
send in their proposals for supplying the New York
Assay office in the same manner, and I have to request
you to obtain similar proposals, from responsible parties
in New York, and to transmit them to me. The
conditions to be, the price per lb of pure nitric acid
of the strength of 39° Beaumé, deliverable at the
Assay office, in such quantities and at such times

as that is indicated by the Matter and Refiner.
I am, very Respectfully

Yours Respectfully
Dissector

Edmund M. Kent Esq.
Matter & Refiner,
Apex Office, New York,

Washington April 26/54

J. B. Snowden Esq:
Director Mint U.S.

Dr. Sir,

Sam Casey Esq:

Trea: U.S. gave me the enclosed Memorandum and Bags, to have some made & forwarded to him here; in the hurry of business, I omitted to take them with me, I had a conversation with Mr. — at your office, & he informed me they could be procured.

With great regards

Respectfully, your obed. servt.

J. D. Colver

The Secy. of the Treas: has not written, but he is expected by letter of this week, of which I will advise according to promise

Minist of the United States
Richd. D. Webb

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 16th inst., and as
regarding, have despatched the preparation of the
papers which Mr. Carey sends for his office. They
will be forwarded in a day or two.

I thank you for the information in
regard to the return of Mr. Johnson to Washington,
and am glad to hear from you for the as
sented.

I am, with great regards,
Yours, truly and respectfully,
Samuel H. Reynolds

J. D. Colver to
Asst. Sec. Dept.
Washington City

Treasury Department
April 25. 1854.

Sir:

Yours of the 25th has been
received and you are authorized to send
Prof. Booth to N. York as requested.

I am very Resp.

W. H. Washington
Actg Sec Treasury

J. Ruf. Browden Esq
Director of Mint
Philad^a.

To

Meigs Tracy & Kent
of the Assay Office
N.Y.

26 April 1854

In relation to points
connected with the
fitting up of the
Assay Office

Minist of the United States
Philad^a: April 26. 1854.

Gentlemen.

On a consideration of the subject which
you have brought to my notice, I have come to
the conclusion that it will be best for you to
present your views upon it directly to the Secretary
of the Treasury.

As suggested by you, Mr. Booth,
who is engaged in the arrangement of the interior of the
building, will hand you his opinion upon the
points you indicated.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully
and truly yours &c
James Ross President
Director.

Dr John Torrey,
Aptons, and
Charles Kent Esq
Mills & Refiners,
New York City, Messrs.

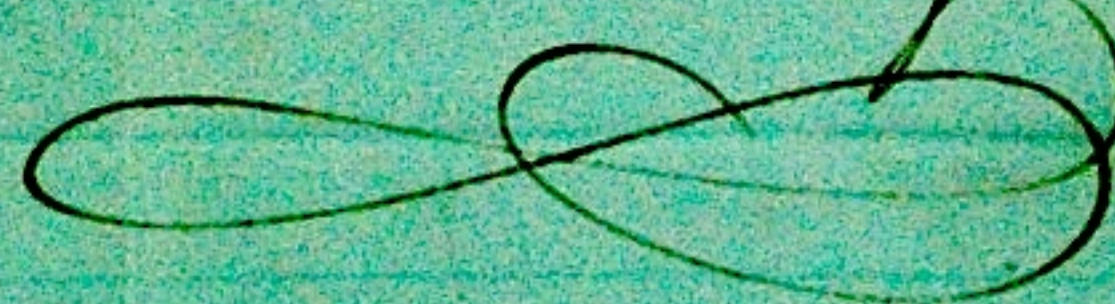
Syracuse N.Y. Apt 27. 1854

Sir

Some quarters are in circulation here said to be counterfeit. They are dated 1854. & have no radiating lines around the eagle. Have the goodness to inform me if they are good & much obliged

Your Obedt Servant

A. H. Deane doog



To Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Ans^d Apr 29,

absence of rays is evidence
of being counterfeit as the
one Miller saw at the Lib
bank at 1854, which

Recd 29th Apr
Recd 30

Thos. P. Morgan & Co. Bank of
Ind. Co. Ind. Apr 27. 1834.

Director of the U. States Mint,
at Phila.
Sir,

Having this day forwarded by
Adams & Co's express from this place to be
delivered at the Mint, \$16,400 in Silver, Chiefly American
Half Dollars, ^(principally) in exchange for American Gold Coin,
of a denomination of not less than five dollars &
practicable. I should prefer receiving in exchange,
\$14,000 in gold and the residue including premium,
in American half & quarter dollars. - If any delay
however should occur by reason of the demand of
the Silver Coin, you may forward the entire amount
in gold. So that the basis to make the exchange
as speedy as practicable & deliver the same to Adams
& Co's Express to be forwarded to me at this place,
but taking Adams & Co's receipt therefor

Respy Yours
Thos. P. Morgan & Co.

(Thomas P. Morgan)
Cashier, Indiana Town
Indiana County Maryland

(copy)

Philad^a. April 27, 1854.

Dear Sir:

My appointment as Assistant
Asayer in the N. York Asay Office having been
made to take effect when it should go
into operation, I beg leave to submit that
I have been for some time actively engaged
in operations connected with that establish-
ment and will probably continue so.

May I not suggest
in addition that the building in New
York has so far progressed as to render
my presence there desirable during a
portion at least of the ensuing winter
in order to prepare for its opening.

In view of these circumstances
allow me respectfully to ask whether
my salary may not commence from
the time that my duties in connection
with the office began.

Very Resp

A. Mason

Asst. Asayer

N. York Asay Office

Wm. B. Snider
Director &c

Min^{tr} of the United States.

Phil^a: April 28. 1854.

Sir,

I present for your consideration, the enclosed
letter of Mr. Mason. Apr^l: 24th 1854 and your reply of the 24th.
and have the honor to be
very Resp^{tly}
Yours obt^l servant,

Samuel R. Chapman
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec^y of the Treasury
Washington City

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of April 1854

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	\$ 3,379,000
Other sources,	63,000
Total Gold Deposits,	\$ 3,442,000

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases,	\$ 129,000
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	\$ 3,571,000

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	No. of Pieces.	Value.
Double Eagles,	65,386	\$ 1,307,720
Eagles,	12,552	125,520
Half Eagles,	17,770	88,850
Quarter Eagles,	106,996	267,490
Dollars,	232,250	232,250
Bars,	582	2,440,639.06
Total,	435,536	4,441,478.06

88
32
56

SILVER.

Dollars,		
Half Dollars,	394,000	197,000
Quarter Dollars,	2,012,000	503,000
Dimes,	1,000,000	50,000
Half Dimes,		
Three Cent Pieces,		
Total,	3,406,000	\$ 750,000

10,000,000
1,000,000

COPPER.

Cents,	339,227	\$ 3,992,27
Half Cents,		
Total,		\$

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	435,536	\$ 4,441,478.06
Silver "	3,406,000	750,000.00
Copper, "	339,227	3,992,27
Total No. of pieces,	4240,723	Total value, \$ 2,184,770.33

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 30. 1854

Director.

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Statement of the Damage at the Mint of the U. S.
at Philadelphia for April, 1821.

Gold Dollars	232,209	\$232,209
1/4 Eagles	106,996	267,490
1/2 do	106,870	81,150
Eagles	12,552	125,520
1/2 do	65,316	1,316,420
	<u>Princ 434,763</u>	<u>\$2,020,839</u>
Refined Bars	532	2,718,161,56
	<u>435,295</u>	<u>\$4,739,000,55,56</u>
Half Dimes	\$1,000,000	\$50,000
1/4 Dollars	2,112,000	573,000
1/2 do	394,000	197,000
	<u>\$3,406,000</u>	<u>\$760,000</u>
Cents	399,224	\$3,992,24

Recapitulation

Gold	435,295	
Silver	\$3,406,000	\$0,000
Copper	399,224	3,992,24
	<u>\$4,240,522</u>	

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a April 29th 1834.

Sir.

I enclose duplicate statements exhibiting the value of the Deposits made, and the number of Pieces and value of coinage executed at the Mint during the Month ending to day.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful Servant.

Hon James Guthrie.
Secy of the Treasury
Washington
J.G.

Director.

To Capt. Callum
St. Ann

Wid of Prof
Booth to St Ann.

28th April 1854

about of the matter state.

Albany, April 23, 1859.

Dear Sir,

The Sec. of the Society has given me
authority to send Prof. North to visit you as
agreed by you. You will please inform
me when you desire his attendance, and give us
many days notice of the time, as you can convene.

Very respectfully,
and very yours

Thomas Jefferson

Secretary

Capt. J. H. Cullen

Albany

Ref: your letter of the 20th

Very yours

Treasury Department
May 1. 1854.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 28th ult. with 15 specimens of the three dollar gold pieces. The specimens are approved and I will thank you to cause the coinage to be proceeded with as suggested. I enclose a transfer draft in favor of the Treasurer of the U. States in the Treasurer of the Mint for \$5000. This draft I will thank you to cause to be paid in the \$3. gold pieces deducting the amount sent (\$45) which will be paid here. I enclose also two other transfer drafts - one the Treasurer of the Mint - one for \$2000 in favor of the asst. Treasurer at St. Francisco - to be transmitted ^{in dimes & half dimes} - and one in favor of the Depository at Savannah for \$2000. payable in dimes - 1/2 dimes & 3 cent pieces. These drafts are made payable to Messrs Adams & Co. with whom be please to arrange for the transportation of the several amounts.

Thos Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint Phila

Yours very Resp
P. Washington for
Sec. Treasury.

From Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

Transmitting Treasury Drafts
for sums as follows, one for \$6000,
one for \$2000 - one for \$2000, requesting
the first to be paid in \$3. for
coin & directing me to
arrange with Messrs.
Allans & Co. for the
transportation of proceeds
of the above to places
specified

Taunton April 29. 1854.

Dear Mr. Sturges Esq.

Trans. N. J. Mining.

Sir.

We have received
of 33 kegs Copper plates, shipped
by Sch. S. L. Crocker -

I remain.

Very Respectfully
Yrs. Obedt. S.

Crocker & Co.

In response to my inquiry in
reply.

Assay Office, April 29. 1854

Dear Sir,

The extreme degrees of fineness
of California gold, if we are to take very
unusual specimens, are 663 and 957
thousandths; so far as observed at this office.
The more usual range is from 860 to 900;
and the average is very steady at 885, or
thereabouts.

In Australian gold, we notice the
extremes of 932 and 995 thousandths; and
an average of 968.

To state the extremes of value, as based
upon the extremes of fineness above given, might
mislead the reader for commercial information.
It would seem more proper to say, that the
average value of California gold, in ~~bars~~
or after melting, and inclusive of the net

value of the silver contained, is about \$18.39 per ounce; the average value of Australian gold in bars or after melting, ~~no~~ (silver not being partible at a profit,) is about \$20.01 per ounce. From these central rates, the dealer may ^{count upon} ~~count upon~~ a variation of value, of about 40 cents an ounce, above or below, ~~as~~ owing to the uncertainty of fineness. And in respect to native or unmelted gold, a deduction is to be made for adhering dirt and oxides not separable by washing; say two, three, ^{or} perhaps five per cent.

New York Apr. 28 - 1834
Dear Sir,
The "Remarks" on the "Economist" article were crowded out of my May N°. I therefore propose to place them in the New Courier Enquirer of Monday next, along with the April Returns of the Courage.

I can then copy the whole into my June N°, or insert a more lengthy one if you deem it proper, after reading the enclosed.

When I saw you last, you were kind enough to say that you would take into consideration the propriety or utility of having my "Coin Book"

value of the silver contained, is about \$18.39
per ounce; & the gold in bar placed in the hands of the
being partible doorkeeper of the Mint, for distribution
per ounce. Should you consider it not real-appears
dealer may, for him to receive them, I will take
about 40 cent measures to place copies under his
to the uncertainty management (subject to precautions
to nature or as to making them known to his
be made for separate by visitors) as in 1851-2.
five per cent.

Very respectfully

Truly Yrs

Smith

P.S. You mentioned lately that
a wide difference exists in the
values of Australian & Cal. gold.
If you can favor me with a
memorandum of the average & comparative
values, as well as the extremes,
it w^d no doubt be acceptable to
the public.

J.M.

Some statements of
the Appayer in reply
to my questions,
as to the extreme and
Comparative fitness and
value of California
& Australian

Gold,

April 29, 1854,

Washington 24 April 1864.

My Dear Sir,

In passing through Phila
yesterday, I called to see you, but regretted
that you were out. I was informed
at the time that a letter from you
had been forwarded to me at New York.

I have this morning been advised
at the Treasury Department that upon
a proper requisition from you the Secre-
-ary funds (\$6,500) to pay me off, would
be transmitted to you. - I therefore
enclose a sort of official attestation
of my readiness to receive the funds
which I hope you will find all right
- I hope to see you by Tuesday
or Wednesday of next week.

Very truly
Yrs
A. R. Curtis

Chas. F. Johnson
Phil^a.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office

April 30th 1854

Wm Daniel Sturgeon
Treasurer of the 2d Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I return herewith the Book
of Abstracts & accounts of Gold & Silver Bullion
4th Quarter 1853 with the request that you will
cause a reinvestigation of the Bullion Transactions
for that Quarter, to ascertain how far the corrections
entered in pencil by the Clerk who had charge of
their examination in this Office are in accordance
with the facts and if so, that the necessary alterations
may be made in this account and that the corrected
balances may be carried to the account for the 1st
Quarter 1854 -

I regret to state that the Bullion Accounts heretofore
rendered with such invariable accuracy have lately
been divested of that important feature owing no doubt
to the inexperience of those having charge of their preparation.

Very Respectfully your obt^l serv^t J. L. Smith

Auditor

I have yours of 17th inst. I enclose a
duplicate thereof of a deposit of gold made at
this Mint on the 11th Oct, 1853. by Adam, & Co
Mint Agent for Miranda Williams. ~~The~~
~~proceeds of the same were paid~~ ~~Mint of the United States.~~
to, &c.

Philad^a April 21. 1854.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst I have to
state that a deposit of gold in grains & lump weighing
9127.53 was made ^{at the Mint} by one Thos Ashworth on the 24th Dec, 1853.
& that the proceeds of the same were paid to Mr A in
person on the 13th Jan 1854,

~~from which you will perceive~~ "The proceeds
of the same (\$1570.92) were drawn by F.B. Rose
on the 26th Oct 1853,

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia April 20. 1854.

Sir,

Pursuant to the instructions of the Secretary
of the Treasury, I have forwarded to you, today
per Adams 300, except \$50,000 in gold
Coins. In the absence of any information as to
the denomination of Coins you would prefer,
I have sent the following:

\$20,000	Eagles
10,000	half Eagles
10,000	Q. Eagles
10,000	Gold dollars
50,000.	

Still hope that the proportions of the
several denominations will suit your
Convenience.

Two Coins sent any kind of denomination
than you may desire, and hereafter it
would be well to designate them.

To the Secretary U.S.
Washington D.C.

I am, very Respectfully
Yours, Wm. B. Gresham,
Director.

Treasury Department
April 19. 1854.

Sir

I enclose herewith a
transfer draft on the As. Treasurer at Philad^a
in favor of the Depository at Norfolk and
made payable to the order of Messrs Adams &
Be please to make the arrangement
for the transportation of the amount by Messrs
A. & C. to Norfolk in Gold of \$50,000.

I am very Resp^{tly}
W. H. Dickinson

Act. Sec. Treasury

No 726-

\$ 50,000

J. R. Snowden &
Director of Mint Philad^a.

20,000	2
20,000	1/2
10,000	1/4
10,000	1/4

Mint of the United States.

Philad^a April 20. 1864.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst with enclosed M.S. Treasury draft no 726, for \$50,000. on the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia in favor of the Depositary at Norfolk, has been received. In compliance with your directions, I have made arrangements with Messrs Adams & Co for the transportation of the proceeds in the following denomination of coin, viz:

\$20.000. Eagles

10.000. Half Eagles

10.000. Quarter Eagles

10.000. Gold Dollars,

Am't of draft,

\$ 50,000.

I have the honor to be,

With great respects

Your faithful servant

James M. Cook

Director.

Wm. James Guthrie,

Sec. of the Treasury, Washington City.

From & To
Act Sec, of the Treasury

Enclosing Draft No 726. \$50000
Receipt Ackn & state
that I have made
arrangements with the
Steam & Co. for the
Transportation to Norfolk,

20th April

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a May 19. 1854.

Sir,

I have instructed the Treasurer of the
Mint to prepare and transmit to you the usual
weekly statements of the amount and denomination
of coin and bars on hand on the last of each week.
These reports will thenceforward come to you
through that officer.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant.

James R. Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mink of the United States.
Philad^a April 18. 1854.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst I have to inform you that the name of Leonard M. Bradford or Jacob Barker is not on the high list of the Mink since 1st February last. On making enquiry of Mr Hunter Mink Agent of Messrs Adams & Co. I learn that neither of the names above referred to appears on his books within that time.

Respectfully Yours,

Director.

M^r Jacob Barker,
New Orleans.

The two letters respecting ~~mint~~ lost bullion & mint
receipt the Agent says as

Mint of the United States.

Philad^a April 18. 1834.

Sir,

I have yours of the 10th inst. In reply I have to state
that on the 30th of June last a deposit of gold weighing 916.27
of the value of \$1,073.51 was made at the Mint in the name of
David J. Leavell & that the warrant for the same is yet unpaid.
When a Mint receipt is lost we require a "Bond of Indemnity"
to be executed before paying the warrant. In this instance
it does not appear that the receipt has been lost, but that
it was sent to Mr Leavell in California, then the place
of his residence & may have reached its destination
after he left that state. When this receipt shall be
presented by him or his Agent the warrant covering
the transaction will be paid. If he is unable to
obtain the receipt & there shall exist a reasonable
certainty of its being lost, a form of "Bond of
Indemnity" will be forwarded to him & the warrant
paid after it shall have been executed.

Very Respectfully

James J. Rogers, Agent.

Direct.

Philadelphia, April 18, 1854.

Dear Sir,

Having been appointed Clerk to the Superintendent of the N.Y. Army Office, & having been instructed by the Secretary of the Treasury to enter immediately upon the duties of the office, I hereby resign the Clerkship which I hold in the Mint.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.,

Geo. F. Manning.

Col. J. Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

This letter was delivered to the Director on the 12th May, '54, having been withheld at the request of the Treasurer until he could make the necessary arrangements for the transfer of my duties & the funds in my hands.

Philadelphia, April 18, 1854.

Dear Sir,

Having been appointed Clerk to the
Superintendent of the N.Y. Assay Office, having
been instructed by the Secretary of the Treasury
to enter immediately upon the duties of the
Office, I hereby resign the Clerkship which
I hold in the Mint.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.,

Geo. F. Demming

Hon. D. Sturgeon,

Treas. U. S. Mint,

Philad^a.

General Statistics
The bars issued by the Mint are stamped on one side
the number, weight & fineness, which are all the designations
typically required by law. But in addition the Mint has a
label, on which is stated the amount of gold, in value, con-
tained in the bar, at which value it will be

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 16 Apr. 1853

Gent,

I shall be glad of an interview with some
member of your firm, relative to the supply of
coal to the Mint, and will thank you to call
any morning between $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 & 3.

Very respectfully
your obedt servt

J. M. Pettit
Director

Warley & Co
care Dick's Sons
28 Walnut St.

Memorandum

The bars issued by the Mint are stamped on one side with the number, weight, fineness, which are all the designations imperatively required by law. But in addition the Mint has affixed a label, on which is stated the amount of gold, in value, contained in the bar, at which value it will be

expedient to strike the small
coin as there is no demand
for them.

to be sent to other places for distribu-
tion.

Large quantity on hand
sufficient for the ~~trans~~ purposes of the
Mint, for some months.

Sir,

The Superintendent of the Branch Mint at
N.H. informs me that he has a large quantity
of Small Silver coin on hand (Dimes & Half Dimes)
for which there is very little demand.

On the 25th of Feb last in compliance with your
request I instructed the Supt at N.H. to direct
his attention to the execution of a Silver
coin of a small denomination (2 Cents,
Dimes & Half Dimes.)

Treasury Department
Comptroller's office.

April 11. 1854

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the United States
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your account of
Gold and Silver Bullion, for the quarter
ending 30th September, 1853 has been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance
of \$ 8,370. 841. 84, found to be due from
you to the United States, which consists as
follows viz:

Gold Bullion	Op 168.219 032.	\$ 3.129.155.78.
Silver do	Op 2.523.853.490	\$ 2.936.958.26.
Gold Coinage, including assay coin	\$ 16.91	\$ 1.858.951.24
Silver Coins	" " " 349.25	\$ 445.276.56
		<u>\$ 8.370.841.84</u>

Most Respectfully,
Eliza Whittier
Comptroller.

Mint of the United States.

Philad^a April 17, 1854.

Sir,

The enclosed application to strike medals for the use of the "Association of the Industry of all Nations" is submitted to your consideration.

Myself and this exhibit have been heretofore presented to you. I need only say here, that if medals are struck at the Mint, by the Officers and workmen of the government, with the machinery and apparatus of the government, there should be no charge except for the materials used. If the project which was submitted to you should be adopted, or some kind of a similar kind made, it would relieve the Mint from embarrassment on this question.

I have the honor to be

Yours respectfully,
James A. B. Fremont,
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Genoa, N. Y. April 15/54

Sir,

On the 28th of May 1853 David T. Devoll, a young man from the neighborhood, forwarded from California by Adams & Co's Express, a parcel of Gold valued at \$1055, and took their Receipt of that date engaging to deliver it to the Mint at Philadelphia. Devoll afterwards left and arrived home about 1st Decr. last. The Express Agents state that the Mint Receipt or Certificate was forwarded to him in California, but it did not reach him before he left, nor is it yet to hand. The Agents have long since been requested to recall the Receipt, & send it to him here so that he might realize the money, but several months having elapsed without obtaining it, he is put to great inconvenience by the delay. It is quite probable the Receipt may be lost, and my object is to enquire whether, by any improper means, it should have been returned to the Mint and the money paid on it; if not, whether the money can be obtained by his giving a Bond of indemnity against it should it not be recovered, or engaging to deliver it up

Should it eventually be found. Your reply will
oblige a deserving young man, as also

Your obt. servt
James Rogers

Hon.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. I have taken it for granted, in the preceding that
the gold was delivered to the Mint as stipulated by
the Express Agent. If it has not been, you will
of course please inform

No 2657- 1873 30 June - David T. Devell 61.27 03

\$ 1075.57

Warrant yet unpaid

70 Wall Street
April 15 1837

Dear Sir. I send with pleasure,
for your information, the London
Economist for March 28: containing
remarks on your Report. I shall
have no use for the paper for 5 or
6 weeks, so that you can use it
at your leisure. I have
sent it before, but was informed
that papers of this character were
on file in your public Library.
The Editor, I observe, applies
the term admirable, to your
paper, altho' he ^{from} disputes with you
on some points.

Very respectfully
Yours

Smith Hornum

To J. Snowden
Esq. Phila.

J. R. Snowden Esq. Phila.

Edw. B. Adams

Copy.

Friend of the A. States.

Philadelphia June 7. 1840.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for
your favour of the 15th inst, and for the
copy of the London Economist which
you so kindly loan me. The
Editor of the American edition, I should
say, agrees with me, that the English
language is not understood in the North, &
what he reports, I may perhaps
believe this further if you think it
at all necessary to be put out.
They are well affected to the cause
of small notes, when they have none
in England but the £. and a
few shillings which is a very
great one even to be used in
legitimate small notes and then to be
the circulation of paper.

I cannot understand what I mean
by being mistaken of your brother.

Caly.

Mint of the U. States.

Philad^a. April 13, 1854.

dear Sir

I have to thank you for
your favour of the 15th inst, and for the
copy of the London Economist which
you so kindly loan me. The
views of the liberal editor, is liberal
and, upon the whole, rather Compli-
mentary. He evidently however
does not understand the point, to
which he refers. I may perhaps
believe that further, if you think it
at all necessary or important.
They can well afford to talk about
small notes, when they have none
in England & even £2. and a
clean currency which is ready re-
issued! Our error consists in
legalizing small notes and then preventing
the circulation of specie.

I cannot understand what is meant
by being "mis-trusted" of sound traders!!

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. April 14, 1854.

Sir:

The enclosed statements exhibit the amount of deposits and coinage at the branch mints at New Orleans and Charlotte for the month of March 1854. I have not yet received a report from the Sablemuga branch mint for that month. As soon as it is received I will send a statement as to that branch of the mint.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.

Director.

Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury Washington City.

Treasury Department

First Auditors Office

April 14th 1854

Sir:

The several checks to pay Silver Bullion returned
to you for signature were this day received.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Svc.

W

J. Eagle Regard Legd
Acting Treasurer
U.S. Mint Phil^a

T. L. Smith
Auditor

New York, 15th April, 1854 -
N. 92 - 10th Street -

Sir,

As a Committee charged with the
subject, I beg leave to enquire whether
the U.S. Mint will furnish and, if so,
at what price the following Medals
for Prizes awarded by the Association for
the Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations:

100 Silver Medals to be struck from
1500 Bronze) the thickness of the metal
proportional to their diameter

The dies for the Obverse & Reverse
belong to the Association and were engraved
by Wm. C. C. Wright of this City -

The Association would prefer to coin
brass at so much each for the Bronze
Medals and at a price per oz. for those
of Silver -

In naming prices for the Medals
I hope you will take into consideration

the beneficial object of the Association,
and the quasi-national character which
these objects have entitled it to assume;
and the recognition of which by the Government
(and particularly of the Treasury Department)
has already been testified in many acts
of accommodation and indulgence.

I am, Sir,

Sir,

very respectfully,

Wm. W. Phelps,
of Committee.

To The Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

17th April 1854

Application to settle
debt for the use of
the Association of the
Industry of all Nations,

Wm. W. Phelps
of Committee
17th April,

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. March 29. 1884.

Sir:

The "Balance & Weights" manufactured
by my direction for your branch by Mr. Reomer
of this city, was sent to you to day via Charleston
to the care assigned to Chambers Jeffers & Co.
The price of the the cost of the same was
\$475.00 which sum I paid to Mr. Reomer
& charged to you

To the Sec. of the Treasury

Action of the Historical
Society of New York
on the subject of
a Medal Department
in the Mint,

14th April 1854

Mint of the United States.
Philad.^a April 14, 1854.

Sir,

The movement in respect to a medal department is attracting some attention. The Historical Society of New York has adopted resolutions on the subject, forming the project, and a Committee has addressed me to ascertain how they may aid in bringing it before the favorable attention of the Government and of Congress.

I have to express the hope that the views presented in my report of the 5th inst may meet with your approbation, and in that event that they may be brought to the attention of Congress at an early period.

I have the honor to be
with great respect

Yours faithfully & obedient,
Samuel Ap. Chandler
Director

Hon. James Guthrie.

Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

562 -

3 apts - Sep. worth of platinum to which
proceeds were paid to Hurns & Co. of Hamden 1 Co's exp.
8th April - \$1645.59

Recd 15 apts
and so

New York April 12th 1854

R. M. Patterson Esq.

W. B. Mint
Phila

Dear Sir

On the 31st ult. we sent
you to be coined, a Package containing 650 Castilians (6 1/2 lbs.) Gold
dust, by Hardin & Co's Express, and to be delivered to them again
when coined, for us - We have not yet received it, and cannot
account for the delay - Be good enough to write us by return
of mail, when it will be coined & returned to us & greatly oblige

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

W. Dean & Son

No 165 Maiden Lane

Treasury department
First Auditor's Office

April 12th 1854

Mr. Samuel Plungem
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

The Enclosed orders numbered 2053, 2054,
2056 @ 2065 are not signed by the receiving clerk - Please have
the omission supplied and returned at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Yours obt. servt.

J. L. Smith
Auditor

P.S.

Nos 2125, 2126, 2172, 2178, 2221, 2228, 2238, 2250, 2252, 2263,
2264, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2277, 2297, 2298, 2320, 2333, are also
returned

G. S. Robbins & Son.

BANKERS

52 Wall Street, New York. Apr 12th 1854

To the Director of

U. S. Mint

Phil^a

Dr Sir

Enclosed we hand
you express receipt for 1 package
Gold dust forwarded to you this
day. containing 450 grs. & 15 grains,
for comage & returns as usual,

Yrs. Truly

G. Robbins & Son

Philad April 14th 1856

Wm B Booth Esq

Dear Sir

your esteemed favour to hand I would say
in reply that I will furnish any quantity
of Salt that you may want delivered on
Board at 60 cts Empty Sacks 20 cts each
about two or two and a half Bns in each
Sack would be enough to handle

Respectfully yours

Alexr Kerr

the same from this date
at the same price

A.K.

84
42
126

50

160 - bushels	200 -
500	20
300.00	40.00
40.00	
500.00	
500) 840.00	
1.68 in value	

= 2 1/2

to J. L. Smith Esq. Dec. 22, 1853
(do) } copies of

53 $\frac{1}{15}$ Halv

92 48

Mr. Kern.

16 3

49. 50. 70

85. Hal, 805

85-3105 Nature

65

1 lb S will make $5\frac{1}{4}$ lb tarting acid

2000 g sulphur will make 10,500 H

of parting acid

Salt, 30. cents
 Tucks Island -
 per bushel - 65

in barrels.

3 1/2 per cent.
Common.

Bishop, Simon, Sr

1 80
20

Freight. 1.00 = Cost for Insure

8
62 1/2 lbs. Cuckoo - N. Wallace
Rare - 5th ed. 1894.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad 25 \quad 52 \\ 12 \quad 46 \\ \hline 2080 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ 54 \\ \hline 85 \end{array}$$

85
48
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10

250 tons of soda will refine
\$25 millions of gold

44 3500 250
 250

$$\begin{array}{r} 175000 \\ 7000 \end{array}$$
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Half Cent. Admit

\$ 17.90

Treasury of the United States,

April 11, 1854.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *Mc* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. P. Snowden Esq.

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank, or other Institution.

In the Sec. of the Treasury

stating that I have found
it necessary to order two
additional Balances
for the Army
Office

12th Apr 1854

Mint of the United States.
Chicago: April 12. 1854.

Sir,

I have found it necessary to order
two additional balances for the New York
Assay Office, to be used in the Treasurer's weigh
room, as follows:

Mint balance	1500	at \$ 800. =
"	400	" 450. =
		\$1250. =

with the necessary weights complete.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully

Yours faithfully,
James R. Hendon

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

New York April 10. 1854

J. R. Seward, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith
for your perusal a copy of
Mr. Valtomari's Communication on
the French Coinage. The
substance of it is contained in
my N^o for this month.

I observe that your Report
is made the subject of ^{formal} comment
in the London "Economist" (the
leading Commercial paper there)
for March 25 (pages 208-9). This
paper is on file, I believe, at the
Philos^{ophical} Athenaeum.

Very respectfully,
J. R. Seward

Albany
Apr 10 54

Alight of the 11th Feb.
1811. April 10 1811.

Dear Sir

I have to thank you for your
favor of the 10th inst. accompanied with
a copy of Mr. Patterson's Comman-
d on the French Comings, and the
And number of your excellent Magazine
which I have had time to examine
I have been under the impression of
it to you.

I have asked you to send
me any of the papers mentioned
by the French Comings. I have
been endeavoring, in vain, to find
the paper. It is not at the
Museum as you say. I have
can I find it in any other place.
Could you get me a copy? I
should be very glad to see it.
Yours if you can, I am
very truly, &c. &c. &c.

and success getting the
works in quarters.

I see you have not yet
sent sketches for the work. I
suppose you may find it hard
to keep before the end of the
month, but if I can help
you in any way in this
or even other part. I will
be glad to find you.

I am very truly

Yours

Wm. A. Ransom

J. B. Ransom

Director U S Mint

Respect friend

at the request of Jonas
Colburn of Leominster Mass. I wish to have the
payment stopped of a Mint Certificate to my order
for 25⁰⁰/₁₀₀ oz of Gold Dust - the letter containing it having
miscarried - Thy attention to this request will much
oblige

Respectfully thy friend
J m Day.

Philadw 4 mo 4th 1854

No 10 North 4th St

Stop payment Mint receipt lost

New York, April 6th 1854.

My dear Sir.

You have doubtless been informed of the resignation of D. Cobb, & of the appointment of Mr. E. N. Kent as Melting Refiner in the U. S. Assay Office. When I was in Washington about three weeks ago, I learned, for the first time, that D. Cobb had thrown up his commission, & that the name of Mr. Kent had already been proposed as his successor. As the Assay building has remained stationary for about three months, & it will necessarily be some time yet before it is ready for use, I have delayed going to Philadelphia until the severe weather was at an end. In a few days, however, I hope to see you, in company with Mr. Kent, when we will talk of the practical

Details of Assaying, Melting & Refining.

I am told that Mr. Eddleman has been here, making a reconnaissance of the buildings erected for the assay & refining operations, & that he has given his views as to the amount of room required for the operations of receiving & weighing the gold brought by depositors. He informed the U.S. Officer of Engineers, in charge of the building (Capt. Cullum), that the private offices appropriated to the Assayer, & the Melting & refining, would be required for the receiving & weighing operations. I had understood

that all the plans of the Assay office building were made under your direction by the Officers of the U.S. Mint, & that they made the disposition of the rooms referred to. I had made all my arrangements for assaying

one of those rooms, & ~~then~~ have thought it strange that Mr. Eddleman should endeavor to appropriate the rooms without consulting me. Capt. Cullum told him that he was obliged to fulfill his instructions, ~~without~~ & should do so, unless they were countermanded by the Secretary of the Treasury. Now, my Dear Sir, I beg you will not write to the Secretary on the subject till I have an opportunity of consulting with you about it.

When I was in Washington the Secretary of the Treasury informed me that I might consider myself as on salary from the first of January last. Will you please inform me how I am to make out my account & to whom it must be sent.

I am, my Dear Sir,
very cordially yours

J. R. Snowden Esq.

John Forsyth

Mint of the U. States,
Phil. April 7, 1854,

My Dear Sir:

I have your favor of yesterday.
I had learned that Dr. Cobb had declined
and that Mr. Kent was appointed in his
place. It will give us great pleasure
to see you and Mr. Kent whenever it will
suit your convenience.

I have given no instructions
to any one in regard to any change in the
arrangements of the Assay Office. I would
certainly, under no circumstances do so without
consulting you, and the Abeller-Mepier. I
have learned that some changes in the building
were made by the direction of Mr. Guthrie,
and have asked Capt. Cullum to send me a
plan of the entire building.

Regarding your salary, you
had better make out a bill, and forward it
to the Sec. of the Treasury with a request
to transmit the amount to you.

D. Wm. Terry
Assayer Assay Office U. S. Mint.

Signed D. W. S.
Director

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of
yesterday, I have to state that I wish
50, tons coal shipped per "Golden Bess" on
the terms stated paying freight in advance,
and hope you will be able to deliver
it in time.

Yours truly

W. S. Whit

Director

W. S. Whit

This April 8th 1854.

Wm. Hays & Son,

912

Chippewa 7th April 1864

Dear Sir

I thus ^{do} ship by Express A Hinget of Native
Gold weighing a triple over one Pound which I
would thank you to have come in 5 or 10
Dollar pieces as you may see fit & Return the
proceeds by Express to their Office Buffalo
Subject to My Order, and from the Gentleness
Manner in which you answered My letter of
6th Feb^y I trust you will do the justice
and Oblige your humble servant

Treasurer of
US Mint Philadelphia

Wm H. Bond

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a April 5, 1858.

Sir,

The request contained in your favor of
yesterday respecting the Cent Coinage will claim my
immediate attention. I have studied the preparation
of some specimens of a Cent containing 100 parts
of copper, and will have some prepared containing
95 parts copper, 4 of tin and 1 of zinc, a
composition which is said to be admirably adapted
for the purpose, and is the same now used in
France.

As soon as they are prepared I will send
you specimens, and request you reply to send in yours
upon the subject.

I have the honor to be
with great respect

Yours faithfully,
James A. B. S. S. S.
Director.

Wm. D. S. S. S.
Sec. of the Treasury.

Treasury Department
April 3^d. 1854

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing statements showing the value of Deposits made, and Coinage executed, at the Mint in Philad^a during the past month.

Hereafter you will please send the statements, as above, in duplicate and ~~do~~ not give out the information, otherwise, in advance.

I am Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Harrison
for the
Secy. of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

J.W.S. Sends with his
compliments, the enclosed specimens
(51) of the proposed German Silver
test.

Phil April 3^d 1854
W.S. Baird

Wm. S. Gulliver
Sec. of the Treasury

Philad^a 4 mo 3rd 1834

Esdr W)

The enclosed letter from Michael
Landis will I presume cover the ground of
authenticity
Very Respectfully
W. L. Miller

To J. R. Menden

Director A. S. Menden

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Copy

Wm. U.S. Phil: April 8. 1854,

Sir,

As requested in your favor of the 5th inst, I
enclose a letter of attorney from Messrs. Baker & Landis
in consultation with Mr. S. L. Miller is their agent in
transacting with the ~~Com~~ government, and especially
relating to the supply of nitrate of soda from Valparaiso
to San Francisco.

I have &c &c

S. P. S.

Sr.

Hon. J. McKim

Sec. of the Treas. Washington

Treasury Department
April 4th 1854

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 3rd inst, inclosing the report of Mr Booth, upon the subject of the proposed German Silver cent worth 80 cents to the dollar, has been received.

Your suggestion of reducing the Copper cent to 100 grains, is worthy of investigation. What would be the present value of a Copper cent of that weight, including cost of material, and cost of manufacturing, and what would be the danger of manufacturing such a coin for circulation? Also, what would be the difference in value of the proposed German Silver cent and Copper cent valued at 100 grains. I would be obliged if you would have a Copper coin of 100 grains, of the diameter of the proposed German Silver cent struck, and send me some specimens, with any remarks you may deem proper, suggestive of the merits and demerits of each.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint Philad^a

Yours very respectfully
James H. Watson
Secretary of the Treasury

Mint of the United States.

Philad.^a April 6. 1854.

Sir,

In conformity with the Act of March 4. 1853, c. 97.
I present to you a quarterly statement of the expenditures
of the mint for the quarter ending March 31st 1854.

Viz:

Expenditures of the 1st quarter 1854.

Incidental, & contingent, expenses.	\$44,672.11
Wages of Workmen.	29,126.78
Salaries of Officers & clerks,	5,551 —
Total.	\$79,248.88.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful Servant,

Director,

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington.

No. _____ MEMORANDUM OF GOLD BULLION deposited at the MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
at Philadelphia, the _____ day of _____ 1853, by _____

[illegible]

I certify, that the net amount of the above deposit is _____ hundred and _____ Dollars,
payable as follows, at the Mint, only on presentation of the Receipt of a corresponding date and number, heretofore issued: namely, in Gold Coins \$ _____ in Silver Coins \$ _____
in Ingots of Fine Gold \$ _____ gross value, subject to a deduction of one-half per cent. on the return of such Ingots to the Mint for Coinage.

For Treasurer of the Mint.

Ordinary Expenses

1st quarter, 1854.

Wages of workmen \$29,026.78

Salaries ——— 5,550. —

Inc. & Cont. Exps. 44,672.10

\$ 79,248.88

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Mint of the United States.
Philad^a April 6. 1854.

Sir:

In conformity with the Act of March 4. 1853. c. 97.
I present to you a quarterly statement of the expenditures
of the Mint for the quarter ending March 31st 1854. viz:

Expenditures of the 1st quarter 1854.

Incidental and contingent Expenses,	\$ 44.672.10
Wages of Workmen,	29.066.78
Salaries of Officers and Clerks,	5.580.00
Total,	<u>\$ 79.248.88.</u>

I have the honor &c.

With great respect
Your faithful servant.

Director.

Wm James Gattaris,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Copy,

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a, April 5, 1854

Sir,

I have your favor of the 3rd inst, acknowledging the receipt of the statement of the operation of the Mint for March.

Hitherto it has been the Custom ~~for the Treasurer~~ to furnish newspaper editors and others ~~on application to the Clerk~~ with such statements, but in accordance with your wishes I will have ~~the~~ Custom discontinued, and will furnish you with ~~the~~ duplicate statements ~~to the Treasury Department~~.

I will write to you to-morrow in reply to your favor respecting the supply of Silver at San Francisco.

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I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully

Yours faithfully,
James Ross Snowden
Secretary.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.

Recd 7 Apr 6
Ans'd do

London April 5 1854

Treasurer of the U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir

The bar of silver forwarded by R
Gleason & Sons for Kinsley Co. & Co.
to day, is the bar included in the enclosed
Invoice #536 & marked retained.

It is forwarded for assay & coinage
& you will please remit your check
for the proceeds payable to our order.

Respectfully Yours

R. Gleason & Sons

Mint of the United States.
Phila. April 1. 1854.

Sir,

At the request of Mr. Messrs. Appt. Mather
& Perkins New York Appt. Office, I enclose his
account for salary due up to the 31st M^o.
inclusive,

and have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Yours faithful servant,

Samuel A. B. Sprague
Director

Samuel A. B. Sprague
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.^a April 1st 1884.

Sir:

I enclose a statement of deposits and
boruage

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a April 1. 1854.

Sir:

I enclose a Statement exhibiting the value
of the银元 made and coinage executed at this
Mint during the month of March 1854.

I have the honor to be

With great respect

Your faithful servant

Samuel R. Knicker

Much

Wm James Jackson
Vic. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of March 1854

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	\$ 3,867,000
Other sources,	\$ 115,000
Total Gold Deposits,	\$ 3,982,000

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases,	\$ 147,500
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	\$ 4,129,500

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	No. of Pieces.	Value.
Double Eagles,	113,013.	\$ 2,260,260
Eagles,	24,012.	240,120
Half Eagles,	49,147.	245,735
Quarter Eagles,	51,952.	207,808
Dollars,	152,514.	152,514
<i>Fine Silver Bars</i>	197.	626,000
Total,	451,165	\$ 3,759,884

SILVER.

Dollars,		
Half Dollars,	232,000.	116,000
Quarter Dollars,	2,264,000.	566,000
Dimes,	180,000.	18,000
Half Dimes,		
Three Cent Pieces,		
Total,	2,676,000	\$ 700,000

COPPER.

Cents,	673,817.	\$ 6,738.17
Half Cents,		
Total,	673,817	\$ 6,738.17

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	451,165.	\$ 3,759,884
Silver "	2,676,000.	700,000
Copper, "	673,817.	6,738.17
Total No. of pieces, 3,800,952	Total value, \$4,466,622.17	

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 31, 1854.

Director.

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Mint of the United States.

Philad^a May 27, 1854.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause a warrant to be issued in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for thirty three thousand nine hundred and twenty five dollars, payable out of the appropriations for the Mint for the current fiscal year. W^t:

For Salaries	\$5,550.00
" Wages	18,000.00
" Incidentals	10,375.00
	<u>\$33,925.00</u>

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. McNamee
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
May 26 1854.

J Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

Samuel F. Butterworth
of the State of Maine, having been appointed by
the Secretary of the Treasury with the approbation
of the President, Superintendent of the Assay
Office in the City of New York, and he having
executed his Bond, I beg leave to enclose it to
you for your approval. After it has been
approved by you, you will be pleased to enclose
it to the Secretary of the Treasury, for his approval.

Most Respectfully
Eliza Whittelsey.
Comptroller.

From, Hon Elisha Hittleson
Comptroller
Treasury Department

Transmits for my approval
the Official Bond of

S. F. Butterworth Esq
Supt N York Mint Office

May 27, 1854

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, May 26th 1854.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir

Mr J R St John,
of this City, has been appointed by the Secretary
of the Treasury, Assistant Weigh Clerk, in the
Assay Office, and being about to submit his
Bonds, for your approval, has requested me to
give my opinion, as to the responsibility of the
bondsmen.

It gives me pleasure to say, that
Mr J D Beers, and Mr Wm H Hays, (who are
his bondsmen,) are both gentlemen of the highest
standing, and each possessing a large fortune,
and that I consider them ample security for a
much larger sum than is required in this bond.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt^d servant.
John J. Cicerone
Asst. Treas.

New York May 26/54
James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Sir,

Having been appointed assistant
"High Clerk" in the Assay Office this city, I beg
leave to hand you herewith a Bond signed by
myself and two Sureties in accordance with directions
from the Secretary of the Treasury, "for your approval,"
to be then forwarded to the Department at Washington to be
"placed on file".

As you may not be acquainted
with the standing and responsibility of my Sureties
I have requested Mr. Cisco (who has long known
them) to give you information in regard thereto -

His letter I beg leave to hand you enclosed.

May I ask the favor of a reply to this at
your convenience

Yours Very Respectfully
J. R. S. John

From Mr. J. M. S. John
Asst. Weigh Master
Assay Office
at N. Y. N.

Transmitting his official
Bond & encloses a letter
from the Asst. Treasurer
at N. Y. as to the
competency of his
Sureties,

27th May 1854

Treasury Department
May 27. 1854.

Sir

The Treasurer has this day
opened a draft in his own favor on the Treasurer
of the Mint for \$450,000.

I will thank you
to cause \$300,000 of this amount to be paid in
gold - \$200,000 of which will be preferred in
coins of the smaller denominations say \$3, \$2½ & \$1 pieces
and the balance \$150,000 in silver coins of the several
denominations.

Should this draft on the Treasurer
reduce the bullion fund below the amount necessary
for the prompt payment of Depositors - the amount
can be replaced by a draft on the asst. Treasurer

I am very Resp^{ly}

James Buchanan

Sec. Treasurer

J. Rags. Governor of
Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a May 29. 1854.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. In compliance with your instructions the draft for \$450,000, has been paid in the following denominations of gold and silver coins:

\$30,000	Eagles,
50,000	4 "
99,000	Dollars,
70,000	2 ^d Eagles,
51,000	Three dollar pieces
<u>\$300,000</u>	Gold,

50,000	Half dollars,
50,000	2 ^d "
25,000	Quarters
25,000	Half Quarters,
<u>\$150,000</u>	Silver

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful servant.
James R. McArthur.
Director

Hon James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Washington City.

From The Secretary of the Treasury

Warrant in favor of U.S.
Treas. for \$571,400
London Ac. P. Enclm

29th May 1854

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Done

80,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ p
50,000 $\frac{1}{4}$ p
25,000 4 p
25,000 $\frac{1}{4}$ p
150,000 Return

30,000 2
50,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ p
99,000 1
70,000 $\frac{1}{4}$ p
57,000 1
300,000

New York May 24/54

Sir,

According to Your favour of 20th
inst. we have drawn on You
One hundred Dollars at sight
and remain Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servants.
Wm. Cunningham & Co.

David Surgeon Esqr.

Treasurer of the Mint
Philad^a

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
May 27th 1854

Sir:

Hereafter you are requested to require all persons having accounts of incidental & contingent Expenses against the Mint to present them for payment before the expiration of the Quarter in which they were incurred and to embrace in your account of Ordinary Expenses only such bills as were contracted during the Quarter for which the account is rendered - This will avoid the necessity of a reexamination by the accounting officers of accounts of previous Quarters in order to check duplicate charges or payments

All persons having dealings with the Mint should be required to present a continuous account for the Quarter and not on detached pieces of paper and in an illegible hand unless as is now frequently the case

To

Wm David Sturgeon
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt
J. L. Smith

Auditor

To, The Sec, of the Treasury

Transmit with my approval
the Official bonds of S. F.
Butterworth Esq. Supt. Assay
Office N York, and of
Mr J. M. St John Asst Neigh Clerk
in the same Office.

27th May 1854

Minist. of the United States.
Philad^a. May 27. 1854.

I transmit for your approval the
official bond of Saml. H. Buttrick Esq
Deputy of the Surveyor General's office, which I have
enclosed is to my satisfaction.

Also the bond of Mr. J. A. F. John
Assistant Surveyor Clerk at the same office with
a similar certificate.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

James R. McMillan
Assistant.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Treasury Department
May 29. 1854.

Sir

Your letter of the 29th inst.
was duly received and I herewith return
the specimen of the gold dollar which
was enclosed in it.

I am very Resp.
W. H. Washington
Sec. Treasury.

J. R. Brownell
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Friend Mary Jo Weston

Now for
I Enclosed you have found 8
justifications approved by Judge Wells
of the U. S. C. Ct. required by the Department
in my appointment as accountant
in the U. S. Army Office in this City.

I have in-
structions to forward the same to you for ap-
proval, since to be sent to the Treasury
Department to be filed.

The original "form
of bond prepared in the first Comptroller's
office" at Washington, is in my possession,
which if you require I will mail to
you.

Very Respectfully

Yours Ott for A

To the

Minister of the U. S. Trust,
Philadelphia

Wm Lloyd Garrison
37 So. William St

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a: June 1. 1854.

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 28th ult. with the inclosure
enclosed. I have verified your official bond
to be to my satisfaction, and have transmitted
the same to the Secretary of the Treasury for
his approval.

I am very Respectfully,

Sam^l R. Thompson,
Director.

Mr Joseph M. Lloyd
Care of
Assay Office
N. York,

Sir,

Treasury Department
May 30th 1854

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 22^d inst, stating that you had on that day, sent Mr Malone, the Assistant Assayer, to New York, for the purpose of planning and fitting up the room appropriated to the Assay department, and in reply inform you that his salary as Assistant Assayer at New York, will be considered to have commenced on the day he left for New York, for that purpose.

I am Very respectfully,
Yours Truly,
Secretary of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department,
May 29th 1854.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd inst in regard to the supposed
departure of J. E. Negas late weigh clerk of the Mint, for Europe,
has been received, and you will without delay, lay the facts of his case
in full before the United States District Attorney for the Eastern Dis-
trict of Pennsylvania, and take his advice as to the propriety of in-
stituting criminal proceedings against him by indictment.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servt.

James M. Smith
Secretary of the Treasury.

James Ross Snowden Esq.,
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Copy

Mont. ind. Phil: May 31. 1854

My dear Sir,

After Dr. Sturgeon & I left you, it occurred to me that it would be convenient for you to have a copy of Mr. Jethro's letter. I accordingly send you a copy herewith.

It is stated by us and will be justified by your opinion as to any further proceedings.

Respectfully,
Col. J. C. Vanduyke

I am, very truly,
Yours,
E. R. Vander

(Copy of letter May 29. 1854,
has been inserted.)

May 31.st
Called on Mr. Vandyke
with Dr. Stimpson.
I had also hoped him.

Copy of my note to him
afterwards sending copy
of Mr. Guthrie's letter to me.

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a May 31, 1854.

Sir,

I secured this morning your favor of
the 29th inst, and in compliance with your
instructions, accompanied by the Treasurer, called
on Mr. Vandyke, the Vestrest attorney, and laid
the facts attending the case of Mr. Vegas before
him, by whose opinion we will be guided in
regard to any future proceedings.

Mr Vandyke said he would give the
subject immediate attention.

I have the honor to be
with great respect

Yours faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
The Sec. of the Treasury

Stating that the facts
of the case of Mr. Squire
were laid before the
U.S. District Attorney
by myself & Dr. Sturgeon

31st May 1854,

From Sec. of the Treasury
May 29, 1854
P. M. 30.

Recd. May 31.
Immediately called on Genl. Atty.
with V. Sturges, Treasurer

To,
Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

Ask an appropriation
of \$20,000 to supply
a deficiency of means
for the payment of
incidental & contingent
expenses.

30th May 1834

Minist of the United States
Philadelphia May 27. 1844.

Sir,

In my communication of Oct. 25th last, forwarding copies of my estimates of appropriations required for the Mint & Branches, it was stated that the means appropriated for this Mint for the current fiscal year would probably be commensurate to our expenses, and consequently I did not ask for any appropriation to supply deficiencies. I now regret to inform you, however, that as the fiscal year draws to a close we find it certain that our expenses will exceed our means, and I am forced to ask an appropriation to supply the difference, which I hope it will be found possible to insert in the Deficiency Bill now under the consideration of Congress.

The causes of the deficiency admitted to are susceptible of ready explanation. By referring to the grounds of Estimates accompanying my letter of Oct. 25th you will find that I assumed, that the New York Assay Office would be in operation from the first of February last, and would receive bullion to the amount of twenty four million to be cast into gold bars, to that extent diminishing the receipts at this Mint, and of course our expenses during the current fiscal year. This expectation has not been realized, and it does not now appear probable that

The New York Office will be open to the public
and to the commencement of the next fiscal year.
The Mint having, therefore, to bear all the expense,
instead of a part only, of converting the gold bullion
received on the Atlantic into coin and bars, in addition
to the large coinage of silver, our means have fallen
short, and an appropriation to supply the deficiency
has become necessary.

But on the other hand, the same causes
which require an additional appropriation for
this Mint, render unnecessary, in great part at least,
the appropriations made by the deficiency bill to
the New York office. Those appropriations having been
made on the assumption that operations would
commence there during the current fiscal year are
made useless by the fact that such a contingency
will not probably happen. At the same time therefore
that I ask an appropriation for the deficiency at this
Mint, I suggest the striking out of that for the New York
Office except in the item of salaries, part of which
should be retained as some of them have been usefully
employed in preparing themselves to fulfil the
peculiar duties incumbent on them.

The appropriations required for the New York office are as follows, viz

1. For Salaries	\$12,500
2. " " Expenses	12,500
3. " incidental expenses	21,000
	<hr/>
	\$46,000

You have better means of information than I possess to know whether any portion of this is necessary in view of the delay in organizing the office, and of the balance probably remaining of the original appropriation of \$100,000. But I assume that hardly enough of it can be surviving, and that the amount we require for deficiency may be furnished by a reduction of the above appropriation.

I therefore ask that you will procure through your influence an appropriation, for this Month, to meet a deficiency of means for the payment of incidental & contingent expenses - \$25,000. And suggest that the New York Appropriation be diminished to such an extent as may be, in your judgment, practicable.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant

Samuel R. Knickerbocker.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy of Treasury
Washington.

1847 = 10.68

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10.64

Atlanta Ga.

May 31st 1854

Col Snowden Director
of the U. S. Mint at Philad.

I wish
to call your attention to deposit
No 1202, made for me by L J Farr
for the Bank of the Republic N. Y -
and to pass to my credit, &c -
you will perceive the loss in melting
to be 12^{oz} or 240 dwt., - that is too
much loss. by at least 3 of 9. oz or 180 dwt.
according to mearns assay's at
Dahlengia Ga, of the same kind of gold.
This is not the first time my gold
has lost too much - at that mint
This is too much to lose, there is
something wrong, "a screw loose",
you must look into to this affair
and put things to right.

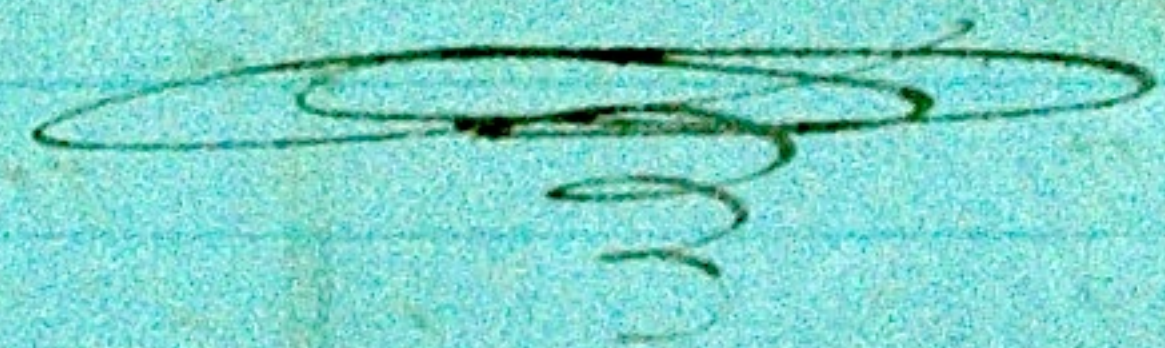
I do contend that you ought to pay
to the Bank of the Republic for me
on this deposit \$180. more, than
the mint certificate, which is only
\$5066.85cts, it is but justice to me

Just this moment, a friend of mine
called my attention to a paragraph
published in the New York Herald
of the 27th May, which I suppose
accounts for the defalcation, in my
Gold, I was very certain in my own
mind that a thief, was about,
before I saw the paragraph.
I still contend for \$180.

Please let me hear from you,
by return mail at this place.
(Atlanta, Ga)

Yours

Respectfully
Edw. W. Holland



Recd
June 5/54

Atlanta Geo

Ed. W. Holland

Send

Div. Treasury Department
May 31. 1854

The nomination submitted in your letter of the 30th inst, of Henry S. Cochran, as clerk of the weigh-room of the Mint at Philadelphia, at a compensation of Twelve hundred dollars per annum, is approved.

I am Very respectfully
Yours Truly
Samuel H. Thompson
Secretary of the Treasury

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Act. Treas. & Treasurer of the Mint
Philad

Evening Bulletin Office
May 31.

Col. Howda,
Searbi,

If you are at liberty to furnish the amount of the deposits at the Mint during the past month, we shall be obliged if you will let us have them as early as possible to day. In case there is any delay in getting the full tabular statement, we shall be satisfied with the amount of gold deposited, in round numbers. Please let us know by the bearer of this whether it can be procured and what is the earliest hour that we may send for it.

Respectfully Yours
U. Cummings
per S. Pincock

From "Evening Bulletin:

May 31st, 1854.

Desiring statement of deposits
& coinage for month ending at date.

Received
May 31st 1834
Envelope of the
letter within



Treasury Department,
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

G. Rodman

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Charleston City S.C. May 30. 1854

To the Treasury Department of the U. S. State,

Without being considered presumptuous, and
now that there is some probability of the issuing of a new gold coin
for the States, of the value of \$50. to be called & denominated "Union":
The undersigned would respectfully suggest, the following as
an extension of the table of coins of the U. S. &c. to wit.

10 Mills make one Cent
10 Cents " " " Dime
10 Dimes " " " Dollar
10 Dollars " " " Eagle
10 Eagles " " " Union

Which latter coin may be divided & subdivided - and will then
give to us a gold coin for every silver coin of the U. S. coinage,
each, preserving the same ratio in value over silver coins, that
the silver coin preserves in value of copper.

We would also suggest the design for the face or
obverse, The Globe, above which a cluster of 13 stars with rays
of light beaming from the stars on the globe - Legend - "One
Union" - "One Hundred Dollars" -

Reverse - Liberty and the Constitution, guarded by the
American Eagle - Legend - "The United States of America" -
date -

an American & Union man

From 'An American and Union man

Elizabeth City N.C.

Dated May 30, 1854.

Relative to the extension of the
table of American wine, &c.

W. K. K.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. March 23. 1854.

Dear Sir,

The flag which I procured in 1848
for the Mint is much-worn and shabby, and I
wish to procure a new one. Maj. Cropleman informs
me that he can readily supply us with one, if it
has your sanction. I have therefore to request
that you will be pleased to give an order on the
Quartermaster here to supply the Mint with a flag.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,

Yours obt. servant,
James R. Snowden
Director.

Hon. Jefferson Davis
Secretary at War,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philad. May 31st 1854.

Sir,

I enclose duplicate statements exhibiting
the value of the deposits made, and the number
of pieces and value of the coinage executed
at the Mint during the month ending to-day.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant.

Wm. C. C.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Washington City

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of May 1854

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	\$ 3,400,000
Other sources,	\$ 196,000
Total Gold Deposits,	\$ 3,596,000

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases,	\$ 134,000
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	\$ 3,730,000

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	No. of Pieces.	Value.
Double Eagles,		\$
Eagles,		
Three Dollars,	103,828	311,484
Quarter Eagles,	17,092	42,730
Dollars,	174,616	174,616
Five ^{1/2} Cent Pieces,		2,741,570.12
Total,	295,536	\$ 3,270,330.12

SILVER.

Dollars,		
Half Dollars,	882,000	441,000
Quarter Dollars,	692,000	173,000
Dimes,		
Half Dimes,	1,760,000	88,000
Three Cent Pieces,	270,000	8,100
Total,	3,604,000	\$ 710,100

COPPER.

Cents,	817,596	\$ 8,175.96
Half Cents,		
Total,	817,596	\$ 8,175.96

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	295,536	\$ 3,270,330.12
Silver "	3,604,000	710,100.00
Copper, "	817,596	8,175.96
Total No. of pieces,	4,717,132	Total value, \$ 3,988,606.08

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, 31st May 1854.

Director.

Mint of the United States:

Philadelphia, May 26th, 1854.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 24th inst., I would state, that the fabrication of Annular Coins was a matter of experiment at the Mint, in the years, 1850, 1851, and 1852. The first attempt was to make a copper coin containing one-tenth Silver, and worth of the value of a cent. The objection to this piece was, that the commercial value of the Silver was in a great measure destroyed by being put in such a base admixture; and without this, precious metal, the piece was so light and worthless as to be incapable of circulation. In fact, if there is any use of cutting a hole in a coin, it is for a case where it is desirable to increase by that means the diameter, and apparently bulk, and to make the piece tangible. It is not, therefore, applicable to the lowest class of coin, whose breadth we are rather desirous to diminish, but to those made of the most precious metal - gold. In this view of the matter, the next experiments were directed to the point, of making gold more extensively useful in coinage, and substituting it as far as possible for Silver, which threatened to become scarce. The hole in the centre was therefore tried for a gold dollar, and a half dollar. No enactments of law were made in consequence of these experiments; perhaps none were really needed, as the shape of the coin is not prescribed by law. However, the solid gold dollar became quite popular; so that all idea of perforating it was abandoned; and as for the gold half-dollar, our supply of Silver relieved us from the necessity of introducing it. I may here remark, that by my direction, the engraver of the Mint was engaged upon a pair of dies for a gold

dollar of enlarged diameter, which a dollar's worth of gold will readily bear, and which will make the coin much more convenient for handling. My attention was called to this proposed change from the fact that we were enabled to make the diameter of the three dollar gold coin much greater than the difference in the value of the quarter eagle would at first view seem to be practicable, and yet the thickness of the three dollar coin is quite sufficient. The proposed new one dollar piece will have the same devices as the lately issued three dollar coin, which I am happy to find are universally admired. As soon as specimens of this dollar are ready they will be submitted to the examination of the Department.

The mechanical difficulties in the manufacture of annular coins, are not trivial. They do not lie so much in the cutting out of the planchets, as your letter supposes, as in the stamping and throwing off. Without entering into a serious calculation, I should be ready to conclude that a considerable proportion of the value of a coin, so formed, would be sunk in the making. But as I have already observed, the desideratum is, not to spread out the superficies of copper, or of german-silver, but of gold; and hence, if we are obliged to make a gold half dollar, the central hole should be reserved for that extremity.

We are fully aware, that the hole would be of use in another respect than the one already named; that is for tying in bunches of a given number, as the Chinese do. It would also be a good mode of distinction by the touch. Against these two considerations, let us place the fact, that by cutting out the centre, the piece is very much weakened, or in plain terms, "its back is broken"; and further, there is no nation upon earth, barbarous or civilized, which has thought it worth while to make

that do it of coin, except the Chinese.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your faithful Servant,

Samuel Ross Newell,
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secy of the Treasury,
Washington City.
H.C.

P.S. I believe that you have a specimen of the gold dollar piece
with the hole in it; but lest you have not, I herein enclose the only
remaining one in my possession.

S. R. N.

Mint of the United States,
Phil^a. May 25. 1834.

Dear Sir,

Your attention is called to the
Circular, herewith exhibited, of the Sec. of the Treasury,
and I have to request you to furnish me with
a schedule of the property of the United States, in
your department of the Mint, as called for in
the Circular.

I am, Sir, Respectfully
your O^b servant,
James R. Snowden
Director.

Send a copy
to Treasurer,
Chief Clerk
Mills, & Paymaster
Appl^y
Engineer
Appl^y [as to Cabinet.]

(No. 23.)

C I R C U L A R

*To Collectors and Surveyors of the Customs, Registers and Receivers of Public Money,
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*Treasury Department
May 23^d 1854*

Sir:

The Department finds it necessary to keep a property account, and also an account of all records and documents appertaining to its service in its various branches. For this purpose, I have to request you will furnish me a schedule, made up to 30th June next, and as soon thereafter as may be, of all such articles in your possession or under your control, giving—

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2d. All other, or printed books, maps, &c.

3d. A list and description of the articles of property of every kind, namely: Lands, Houses, Vessels, Boats, Furniture, Safes, Seales, Tubs, Gauging Instruments, Locks, &c.

You will, in this Schedule, annex to each article, the time of its purchase so far as known, its cost, and its present condition and value. And you will transmit a similar schedule at the end of each succeeding year, giving the additional articles acquired since the next preceding schedule, and the articles worn out or otherwise lost during the year.

All such property now on hand, or which may hereafter be purchased, or supplied, you will cause, as far as possible, to be marked or labelled as "the property of the United States," and all such articles, as well as records, documents, &c, used in, or relating to the public business, under your charge, are to be carefully and permanently kept, and to remain in the office, without regard to any change in its incumbency.

The property so to be reported, and hereafter to be purchased or furnished, will be charged to you; and upon going out of office, you will be expected to account for so much as may have been used, worn out, or lost, and to furnish the receipt in duplicate of your successor for the remainder, in order to close your account.

I am, very respectfully,

JAMES GUTHRIE,

Secretary of the Treasury.

To *Mr. Snowden* Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

New York, Philadelphia & N. Orleans Telegraph

DIRECT.

Office, 97 Chesnut Street,

SECOND FLOOR,

PHILADELPHIA.

Sunday Hours--8 to 10, A. M., and 7 to 10, P. M.

The following communication has been received:

Dated *Richmond May 2 1854*

12/15/54
Danl Sturgeon
Treas N S Mint

Send the coin
as following Twenty
~~seven~~ ¹⁰ thousand
dolls in quarters
Thirteen thousand ¹⁰ ~~dolls~~
in halves

16/8/54
John Lynch
16/8/54 *Depository*

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, May 25th, 1854.

Sir:

I have the honor to ask your acceptance of a small pamphlet containing the laws respecting the Mint of the United States: also a copy of my report to the President of the United States of the operation of the Mint and its branches for the year 1853, together with a report on the fineness and value of certain foreign gold and silver coins.

These documents, together with this letter, will be handed to you by Frederick Lenuig, Esq'r, a member of the Select Councils of Philadelphia, and a gentleman, of respectability who is extensively and successfully engaged in the manufacture of chemicals.

I have the honor to be,

with great respect,

Your Ob. Servt.,

Sd

Sir John Gerache, Master of the Royal Mint, London.
President of the Commission of the Mints of France, Paris.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. May 28, 1854.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of yesterday,
I send you a copy of my letter of the 5th of
April in respect to the establishment of a
treasury department at the Mint.

As the copy from which this is taken is some-
what defective I would be glad if you
could ^{kind} compare the original letter with the certified
documents attached.

That I have to sign the enclosed
in compliance with your instructions.

I am, Sir, very
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Thompson
Director.

Wm James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States
Philad.^a May 25th 1854.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the

To

Mr James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

Enclosing copy of Mr
Butterworth Sept. May
Office, with some obser-
vations relative to the
period of commencement
of salaries of Officers
& Clerks &c

23rd May 1834

with others, as in the case of the Superintendent, it
has been omitted to include Mint, of the United States.

Phil^a May 25, 1854.

Sir,

I transmit a copy of a letter from Mr. Buttrick
Supt. New York Army office. I learn that Capt.
Cullum, on the 10th of June will be
obliged to remain at West Point in the discharge
of his duty as a member of the academic board.
Under these circumstances it would perhaps be
well for you to authorize Mr. Buttrick to take
the charge of the completing and furnishing the
institution in question, having the aid and assistance
of Capt. Cullum when convenient or necessary.

I also concur with the Superintendent
in his suggestion of the propriety of his being authorized
to inform, the officers and clerks appointed, that their
salaries will commence immediately, and that they will
be expected to perform such duties, as the Superintendent
may find it expedient to assign them, preliminary
to the time when active operations will commence.

Referring to the 13th Sec. of the act of March
4, 1833, and the 3rd Sec. of the act of March 3, 1835 - it would
seem necessary that the bonds of the officers & clerks at the
Army office should be to the satisfaction of the Director of
the Mint, as well as approved by the Secretary of the
Treasury. Some of the bonds have been thus approved, but

with others, as in the case of the Superintendent, it
has been omitted to procure the proper certificate at
the Mint. Perhaps it would be well to have these
on file not then approved, sent to me, so that the
proper entry may be made here as well as the
usual approval given.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,

Yours faithful servant,

James R. McComden
Secretary.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Wm. McComden

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New York:

May 24th, 1864.

Sir:

In accordance with the instructions of Comptroller Whittlesey, I have forwarded to his Office my bond & oath of office; as the law requires that the bond should be approved by you, I suppose it will come to you through the Compt^r's Office; this being done, I am now ready to render any service I can to put the office in operation at as early a day as possible. Capt. Bullen informs me that he had no instructions in relation to furnishing the office, he and the other gentlemen engaged about the building are using borrowed desks & tables. I can see no necessity for this; why not furnish the rooms at once? You will oblige us all if you will procure the necessary instructions. Would it not be well to fix a time when the pay of the clerks & others shall commence? it being uncertain when their services will be required in the office, they cannot seek employment elsewhere; their services being at the command of Govt., it would seem but just that they should be receiving compensation.

With great respect,
(Signed) Saml. J. Beittenwirth.

Saml. J. Beittenwirth,
Director.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia May 23, 1834.

Dear Sir,

Your attention is called to the Circular,
herewith exhibited, of the Secy of the Treasury, and
I have to request you to furnish me with a schedule
of the property of the United States, in your
Department of the Mint, as called for in the
Circular.

I am very Respectfully,
Your obt. servant,
Samuel P. Snowden
Director,

Daniel Sturgem Esq.
Treasurer,
U. S. Mint.

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R. Snowden
Director

With great respect
Sam. F. Butterworth

Minister to the United States
London, 11th May 1858.

Sir, I have received your favor of
yesterday, enclosing the official bond of
Samuel T. Buttnerock Esq. Supt of the
Spain Office at New York, which I have
certified to be to my satisfaction, and have
this day transmitted to the Secretary of the
Treasury for his approval.

I am, very respectfully,
your obedient servant,

James T. Davidson
Secretary.

Hon. Elisha Whittelsey,
Comptroller,
Treasury Department,
Washington City.

Treasury Department
May 24, 1854

Sir,

It has been suggested to me that the cent coin of German Silver may be conveniently coined with a hole in it and that all mechanical difficulty may be avoided by cutting the whole with a punch in the strip at the same stroke you cut off the cent from the strip. Then the piece may have the impression put on it with the die as now after the hole shall have been punched. This mode, if it prove practicable, may be extended to the gold dollar and facilitate and popularize its use.

It has also been suggested to me that ^{of German Silver} 2 1/2 cent coins may also be made with the hole and made popular in circulation but if that should be done the cent piece should be made of bronze with the hole instead of German silver.

I offer for your consideration these suggestions and submit whether they may

not be worthy of an experiment to ascertain
whether the mechanical difficulty as to
coining, with the hole, cannot be overcome

I am, Very Respectfully

James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Hopkinson, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
May 24. 1854.

Sir

Will you be pleased, at your earliest convenience, to furnish the Department with a copy of your Report on the subject of the establishment of a Medal Department at the Mint of the United States - The original having, in some way, been mislaid.

I am very Resp.
J. M. Smith
Sec Treasury

J. R. Browder
Director Mint.

From,

The Sec^y of the Treasury

Requests a copy of my
report of 6th of April
last on the subject
of a Medal
Department in the
Mount,

23 May 1854

To. The Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Respecting Mr. August
went out a passenger
per "Washington"

23^d May 1854

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a May 23. 1854.

Sir,

It seems proper that I should state to you, that
we notice on the papers among the list of passengers,
from New York to Southampton & Bremen in the
Steamship Washington, the name of L. E. Meigs.
This is the first information we received of his going abroad,
or of his intention to do so.

The arrangement stated in my letter
of the 15th inst in regard to the disposition of the Dums &
money he retained, has been adopted, with this modifica-
tion, - that a separate account was opened in each case.

The depositors were notified by the Treasurer of the
accounts which they were entitled to, and they have called
for their money and been paid, except Messrs Adams for
\$300. & Mr. C. W. Thomas \$100 - who have not yet called
for the Dums due them.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
your obedient servant,

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

James R. Snowden
Director.

Col. Snowden

Sir We propose to furnish
& put up in complete running order at the
Mint in Philadelphia one of Otis' improved
Safety Hoisting Machines to raise 2500 lbs
for the sum of seven hundred & fifty dollars,
including ~~and~~ all necessary belts, ropes & chains.
We find on examination that there is room
enough for our machine as we usually make
it; but if you prefer we will make the
lifting power by using a worm wheel & screw,
for the same price as named above.

Yours respectfully

Yonkers Westchester
County N.Y. May 23 1855 }

W. Oakley

per E. G. Otis

The machine will include the same safety apparatus
as the one furnished by us for U.S. Army
Office, New York City, & there will be no
extra charges

W. O.

Treasury Department

May 18, 1854

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing copies of your correspondence with the Chief Coiner, upon the subject of striking the Medals, in the Mint, for the Association for the exhibition of the Industry of all nations.

In reply I have to say that, as Medals have heretofore been often struck at the Mint for other associations, and as the department has already given its permission for those in question to be struck, it cannot, with propriety, now withdraw that consent, but desires that the work may be done on the terms stated in the former letter to you.

The Chief Coiner states that the work will employ three men, two months. The expense can easily be derived from this estimate. If the work can be done during the regular hours of labor, the

whole expense will be paid into the funds of the Mint. If it must be done out of those funds, so much may be paid to the workmen, as may be a fair consideration for the additional labor imposed.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia

From. The Secretary of the Treasury

Directs the striking of
medals for the U.S.;
for the Exhibition of
the Industry of all
Nations, & states

in what way the
expense thereon is
to be paid,

20.th May 1854,

To, The Secretary of the Treasury

Respecting the striking
of Medals at the Mint
for the ~~New~~ Association
for the Exhibition of
the Industry of all Nations,

also enclose copies of letter
to and from the Chief Coiner
on their subject

17 May 1854

Baltimore May 18/1858
Officers of the United States Mint Philadelphia.
Gentlemen!

Will you be kind enough, and send me a duplicate
of the certificate or Assay received for the Dust which I had
sent to the Mint in middle of April last, as I
would like to send the same to Sen. Hancock on
account that this Dust has yielded much less
as I ever had it. And if not too much trouble
please inform me, if that Dust contained any
Spurious Metal.

Yours most Respectfully

C. Rosengarten
C. R.

Treasury of the United States,

May 23rd, 1854.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive Treasury Draft
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return
it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment
without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. Rop. Snowden Esq.

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank, or other Institution.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE

EXHIBITION OF THE INDUSTRY

OF ALL NATIONS

May 18 1854

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a May 17. 1859.

Sir,

On the receipt of your favor of the 13th inst.
respecting the striking of medals for the New
York Industrial Exhibition, I addressed a
note to the Chief Coiner, which, together with his
reply, I enclose to you.

When the medal department will be
organized at the Mint, we will be clear of
these embarrassing questions, and I am happy to
learn that you had asked Congress to make
the proper provision for that object.

Of on a perusal of these letters
you should think it inexpedient to under-
take the striking of so large a number of medals,
I presume no great inconvenience will be occa-
sioned Mr. Baranov, as I learn, that Mr.
C. C. Knight of New York, who proposed the
idea, has a prop^{er} competent to strike the
medals.

If however you should ^{think it} desire to cause them
to be struck at the Mint, there seems a propriety
in having the workmen for the occasion in
which they may be engaged.

of course by you I can just suppose in
communication with Mr. Barham, and report
his expectations, and state our efforts.
The last the office came to day, with a
report to state 125 silent workers in the
of 110 as at first reported.

I am sorry to trouble you
with this subject again, but I could not
help myself. I know of the large number
^{of these} ~~of these~~ ^{of these} ~~of these~~
of the great amount of labor required
in the manufacture of them.

Please the house to be
not sent up.
Your faithful servant.

Seven Hibernians

Rev. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

To
the Secretary of the Treasury

Respecting Mr Mason
Asst Assayer whom
I have sent to New
York.

22 May 1854

THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK,

New-York, 5 Mo 22. 1854.

Dear Surgeon Genl &
Esteemed Friends

Thine '22. to our
late Vice Pres. D. Bradley (who is now
Pres. of the Panama Rail Road Co)
& who used to correspond with you
in relation to gold, is before me.

See enclosed note from him.

Will make draft on
the for \$8,000 as requested. —

Please inform me if thou
can, the date of the next refund
to

Respectfully
Saml. Willits
Pres.

R. 23

At "

* of the firm of Willits & Co to whom
you send Copper coin

New York May 22 1857

Dear Sir,

Your note of the 20th inst., addressed to me as President of The American Exchange Bank, was recd this morning.

My official relations to that Institution terminated on the 1st of January last, and I have handed your communication to Samuel Wileys Esq. the present President thereof, who will make the draft which you authorize me to draw.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully
Daniel Hoadley

To Daniel Strong Esq.
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, May 25th 1854.

Dear Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir

I have this day placed
in the hands of Messrs Adams & Co. a transfer draft,
in my favor, on you, for \$50,000. payable in silver
coins. You will please forward by them \$35,000.
in quarters, \$10,000. in halves, and \$5,000. in dimes.

Very Respectfully
Your ob^t servant,

Wm. J. C. C. C.
Asst^t Treas^r.

Debt May 26/54

New York May 22d 1854
Mr. Daniel Strong
Treasurer of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir In compliance with your letter of 20th
inst. advising underpayment of \$700 seven hundred
dollars we have drawn for the same to our own order
and beg you to be kind enough to give us pr. return
mailed the details, so as to meet reclamation, that
doubtless will come back upon us for it.

Very respectfully yours,
D. Perenchio

From Edward Stuts
Agent, State Department
Washington

State that gold dust which
has been sent per Adams
& Co which was found
upon the person of
Francis Harris eleven
in Virgin bay &
request to know
the value of

May 23, 1854,

Department of State
Washington 22 May 1854
James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir,

There is transmitted to you by
Adams & Co. Express a sealed package
containing coin and gold dust & Ore the
effects found on the person of Frances Harris
one of the persons drowned at Virgin Bay.
There are 6 California \$20 pieces & four \$10 pieces
also 1 coin of the Netherlands stated at \$3.95.

The Gold ore and dust are variously stated
as 109, and 119 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounces. I am directed
to request you to inform this Department
when ascertained the value of the whole
and whether I can draw upon you
therefor, or, you remit the amount to the
Department.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, &c
Chas. Smith Esq

Washington City D.C.

May 22^d 1854

Dr Sir

I notice by the Journal of Commerce of Saturday that most of the clerks in the Mint Office at New York were appointed from your Mint - I knew before of the appointments of Messrs Edleman & Drumming but had not heard of any other changes at Phil^a - My object in writing at this time is in behalf of a gentleman of the name of M^r Cooke who had been a clerk in the Treasury Department for the last 16 or 18 years and who is looked upon as one of the very most efficient clerks in the employ of the Government - He is now attached to the Office of Commissioner of the Customs at a salary of \$1,600.- per annum but heretofore a clerk in the office of the 1st Comptroller and had charge of the revision of the Mint accounts and I am satisfied would be an important acquisition to your Mint - He is as safe in his present position probably as any other clerk in the Departments but is anxious to change his residence to Philadelphia where his mother & relations have always resided - I have an idea that a change or exchange could be effected with one of the gentlemen now attached to your Mint which would be advantageous to both parties, in point

of salary on one side and residence on the other -

Mr McCutcheon is a gentleman of the most
impeccable character in all respects, and stands high
as a mathematician and is familiar with Mint affairs

Should you look favorably upon this project
I think an influence might be brought to bear that would
accomplish the purpose

Very Respectfully
Yours friend & col
Alice Mahon

Col David Ross Snowden

Director of the U.S. Mint

Phil^a

on one side and residence on the other
Mr. M. Cottle is a gentleman of the
the character in all respects, and stands
unimpaired and is familiar with the
should you look favorably upon
influence ought be brought to bear that
the purpose

Very Respectful
from friend & a
Blue Mark

Respectfully
to the U.S. Mint
Phil.

Minist of the United States.
Date: May 23. 1854.

Dear Sir,

I have just from Philadelphia. The statement
you refer to from the Journal of Commerce is cor-
rect. The only clerks appointed from the Phila
Mint to its assay office are Messrs. Edelman and
Sunning. In the place of Mr. Edelman, Mr.
Lingens was appointed some months ago, and in
place of Mr. Sunning, Mr. Robert Patterson has
been appointed. The Treasurer has said one
vacancy. That of clerk of the night room.
but I think he has made arrangements to fill
that post.

I am very highly pleased to secure the
services of so experienced a clerk as Mr. M. Cottle
if it should so happen that it could be done we
may have a further opportunity of saying something
on this point.

I am, very respectfully
and truly yours,
James A. B. Wenden,

Alex. Mahon Esq.
Clerk
1st Auditor's Office.
Washington City.

Abbyville May 18/34

The President of the Mint of U.S.

Sir, Having found some medal
which is in a stone the name of it is
(Gardis), I write to know whether you
have the apparatus and understand the modern
operandi, for analyzing the same if so
you ^{will} write and I will send you a piece to
analyze, let me know how to send it
whether in a letter or otherwise
the piece I will send weighs about 20g.

Arthur Gould
H. Warner

Address A. Gould
Abbyville
Medina Co.
O.

Mint of the United States
Philad.: May 30, 1884.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 28th inst. It is not usual to make an analysis of trials at the Mint other than those received in the usual way for coinage. It will therefore be inconvenient for the Assayer of the Mint to comply with your request. In such cases it is usual to send such specimens to some analytical chemist for examination.

I am very Respectfully,

Director.

Mr. L. Gould,
Atypville, Medina Co.
Ohio.

Treasury Office
May 19th 1854

Dear Sir

The moneys refunded by
J & Meigs late weigh clerk are in
my hands and subject to the
Warrant of the Director of the Mint
in favour of those to whom it is
represented to be due, a copy of the
amounts due to each depositor
you have in your possession

Truly Yours
David Sturgeon
Treasurer

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director U. S.
Mint

From
Treasurer of the Board

Respecting the payment
of money due to
depositories, being
that restored by
J. E. Stegus,

21th May 1854

Chicago Ill May 19-1854

E. B. Dale Esq

Treas of the Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We enclose
J. H. Currier & Co on American Exchange Bank
New York \$100 for which please forward
to us one keg cents by express - say your
usual commission.

Very Resp^{ly} Yours

J. B. Carter & Co

Merchants

136 Lake Street
Chicago Ill

To. P. T. Barnum Esq
Post on

Respecting striking
of medals & referring
him to Mr Peale

19th May 1854.

Wint of the United States,
Philad^a May 18. 1854.

Sir,
I have yours of the 13th inst. The weight
of the tin sent by you was of 42.92. The value of
the same at \$1.25 per lb was \$53.32, which amount
has been sent you per Adams's 6^c Express.

I am very Respectfully

Director.

J. Savage & Co.
Wilmington
N. C.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia May 19. 1854.

Dear Sir,

The Secretary of the Treasury has given his approval to the making of medals for your association, on your providing the metals and paying expenses. Preliminary to the Commencement of the work, it is necessary for you to furnish W. D. Pelt Chief Coiner with the amount of metal required. That officer informs me that about \$500 worth of metal will be required probably. As he has had the exclusive charge of the making of medals at the Mint, I have to request you to Communicate with him on the subject.

When you make arrangements and make with that officer will give the instructions that the medal is prepared as soon as possible, but as the number you desire is large, some time will necessarily be consumed in their manufacture.

I am, very Respectfully
your obt. servant,

P. T. Barnum Esq.

Pres. of the Association
for the Exhibition of the Industry of all
Nations. New York.

Samuel Ap. Newell
Director.

Detroit May 14/59.
to the
United States Mint
Philadelphia

Gentlemen!

I have commenced
here a Broker office and
buying a great deal of Old
American & Spanish Coin
Consisting Am. $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{3}{4}$. Spanish
Arl. & Mex. Arl. Spanish $\frac{1}{4}$. $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{3}{4}$.
also I get some of S. & Single
Frank of French Coin, Prussian
Thalers &c. Please let me
have a Statment, how much
you pay for the above mentioned
Coin, by taking New American
Silver: or New Cents, and
how it is with the Express
Charges, you Oblige me much
by doing so, then I have
been

been Once poor Scumpled
and all most naked
now I'm upright like a man
and Trying to get a honest
living and Trying to save
all a Broker can save,
and please let me know
how long it will be, before
I receive the Returns after
sending coin

Remain yours
Obedient

MBurstone

Detroit

Michigan

you will find Enclosed a Postage
Stamp for the Return of your
answer

MB

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Circulars Sent

UNION BANK,

Sandusky City, O., May 18th 1854

Car R Swenden Esq
Syr

Enclosed we send
You Union Bk Lft on New York for Fifty
Dollars to You with order as by sending us
one Reg. Cert of fifty Dollars it was customary
with you, and we are by Express free of
Charge which should be customary as we Western
Men should enjoy privileges equal to those on
the Sea Board. If you do not send you please
send by Express.

Very Respectfully
Yours

J L Lyon Esq
per Geo. A. Sackett

New York Assay Office
May 20th 1854.

Dear Sir,

Capt. Cullum informs me that the building is now in such a state of forwardness that he needs exact information as to the disposition of the space allotted to my particular Department. As Mr. Mason has been appointed my assistant, & his services are now required, at least for a few days. I hope you will direct him to make the necessary measurements of furnaces, sand-baths, &c. that are in use at the Mint, so that we can make the best use of our limited space. You are aware that more than half of the principal story is to be occupied in the weighing operations, the deposit vaults, & for the large safe. All that is left for me is about 30 feet square; from which must be deducted room for a passage to the basement. I hope Mr. Mason can be spared to plan the rooms, & aid us generally by his experience in the Mint.

I am Dear Sir, yours respectfully

John Torrey

Col. J. R. Snowden

Director of the U.S. Mint.

Lancaster May 19. 1854.

D. Houghton Esq.

Trans: Mr. Smith,

Dear Sir:

See amt recd. of
44 keys planchets, shipped to Sch. S. L.
Cracken - amounting to \$4.224 -

I am.

Yours.

Wm. Westcott.

Cracken Nov. 25.

Copy,

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a May 19, 1854,

Dear Sir,

I desire to call to your attention
the importance of your
early measures to restore to their owners
the amount of money placed in your hands
by J. E. Rogers late clerk in the weigh
room.

Very Respectfully
and truly yours

James A. B. Anderson
Director.

W^m Daniel Sturgeon
Measurer Mint of the U. States.

Copy

Mint United States
Phil^a May 19. 1854.

Sir,

You will please prepare and
transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury on
Saturday of each week, a statement
showing the amt & denomination
of coins on hand - also the value of
the ^{specie} bars - in the treasury of the mint.
Res^t & truly yrs
J. P. V.

W.

W. S. Hunter
Treas.
U. S. Mint

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. May 16. 1854.

Sir,

I send you to-day some additional
specimens of the German-Silver cent, and some
of the proposed new copper or bronze cent. I
take the opportunity of making a few remarks
in addition to those heretofore presented, and

19. May 1854

Respectfully,
Wm. B. Wood

Wm. B. Wood
The Treasurer of the Mint

To,

Powers & Hightman
Loring St. C.
Maker Standard
C. J. Treas

Proposals invited
for supplying the
Assay Office St. C.,
with Portland Cement,

20th May 1854

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. May 20, 1854.

Gentlemen:

I have to invite your proposals
to furnish the Assay Office at New York
with parting gold.

You will please state at what
sum per lb you will deliver it at the
Assay office, in such quantities and at
such times as may be required by the
proper officers of that institution. The
gold to be of the same quality as is
now used in the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Sam^l. R. Anderson
Director.

Messrs. Water & Landis
Present.

Mint of the United States.
Phila. May 20. 1834,

Gentlemen:

I have to invite your
proposals to furnish the assay office at
New York with tartaric acid,

You will please state at
what time you to you will deliver
~~it at~~ ~~the same~~ at the assay office, in such
quantities and at such times as may
be required by the proper officers of that
institution. The acid to be of the
same quality as is now used in the
Mint,

Very Respectfully

Mint of the United States
Philad.^a May 21st 1854.

Sir,

As stated in a former letter I shipped
the additional quantity of 70 tons of coal to
San Francisco. The cost of the coal and freight,
contracted to be paid in advance, amounts
to \$2,200. I have a balance in my hands,
but not enough to pay this ^{sum}, and there are several
other bills to come in. I have therefore to request
that you will cause a draft to be issued in
my favor for the above sum.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant
James A. B. [unclear]
[unclear]

Hon. James G. [unclear]
Secy of the Treasury.
Washington City.

To, E. Shurt Esq,
Agent of
State Department,

State that goods sent
by Adams & Co. will
~~be sent by Adams & Co.~~
return by same mode
in a day or two
with a statement of
its value

20th May 1854

E. Shurt
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Mint of the United States.
Chicago? May 23. 1854.

Sir,

The goods stated in your letter of
yesterday were deposited at the Mint to-day per
Messrs Adams & Co. by whom I will send the proceeds
to you, in a day or two, with a statement of the
value.

I am, Sir, Respectfully,
Yours at. Servant,

James R. Snowden
Director.

Edmund Stubbs Esq
Agent to
Department of State
Washington City.

Treasury Department
May 22 1854.

Sir

Your letter dated the 15th instant was duly received and the form of a warrant for placing the amount taken by Mr. Meyers from depositors on the Books of the Mint is approved.

I am very Resp.
Yours truly
Sec of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Custom House Cincinnati
Surveyor's Office May 21st 1834

Sir,

I wrote the Hon Secretary of the Treasury
on the 15th instant, asking that a few thousand
- and dollars in the new cent coin be sent
to this Office for distribution. The Secretary
replied, that the coin would be ready on
the 25th instant. That he had referred my
letter to you, and that you would give
me any further information. I would
like to have 5000 + 10000 or more if you
see proper, and desire to know how I
can get it.

Very Respectfully, &c
R. M. Lean
Depository

L. Sturges, Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Govt of the United States.
Philad^a May 26. 1867.

Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst to the Secretary of the Treasury respecting a supply of new cents for your office, has been referred to me, also. Your communication of the 21st inst to the Treasurer of the Mint on the same subject.

So great is the demand for the new cent coin that it will not be convenient at present to send you more than \$250, in that coin. I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to send me a draft on the Treasurer of the Mint in your favor for the amount above stated, payable in cents of the new issue. As soon as the draft is received I will cause the proceeds to be sent to you in the new coin.

Very respectfully,
Samuel R. Freeman
Director of the Mint.

S. B. McLean Esq. }
Deputy }
Comptroller }

To

E. N. Kent Esq

At New York

at New York

Respecting Parting Acid

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22 May 1854

Mint of the United States.

Chicago? May 22. 1854.

Dear Sir,

Several circumstances have united to prevent
my answering & your favor of the 10th inst. I beg your
pardon for the delay.

In answer to the questions you put in
regard to the supply of parting acid, I have to state,
1. That it is not usual to make any contract or agree-
ment for any certain or fixed am^t. of parting acid, as
the amount required is uncertain. No agreement is made
for a limited time 6 ^{months} or a year to supply such quantities
at such times as the operations officer may require.
2. It is quite impossible to say how the parting operation
will be divided when the assay office, in conjunction with
the California branch mint and the Mint here are all in
operation. In advance therefore of the actual operation at
New York it is difficult to say what am^t of parting
acid will be required. It takes, however, say 27,000
lbs of parting acid per million of dollars. If then 35
millions ^{no amount} be taken as an estimate, it will require
845,000 lbs of acid. It is probable that the am^t
will exceed 35 millions, but it is uncertain how
far the making of underparties or unparted bars
at San Francisco & may demand the receipt of
making fine bars. So that, at least one can not

ques at the amt which may be required.

The price, too, for best Astoria or heating acid at the mint is 7 cents.

The quantity of solution of nitrate of Lead obtained from the operation of a million of dollars is 2,000 gallons. I learn that our Lead co. produces, say 1/5, of the liquor, which our Lead co. takes this liquor at the mint and allows 3 cents per gallon for it.

I will be glad to give you any further information on this subject, and will be happy to hear from you ~~at any time~~ at any time.

I am, very truly
and respectfully yours
James B. Snowden
Director.

Edward A. Kent Esq.
Mellin & Phipps,
Pay Office, New York.

Georgetown Dc May 22 1854
U.S. Mint Assayer.

As I do not know your
name and I address you as above I have sent
you Fifty five and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of silver in three bars
1 lb of gold weight 10 oz please send me by
 Adams Express the value of the same in gold
coin or any other way most convenient
to you self please give me the returns as
soon as possible you will have to have it
refined as it is and send the net proceeds
by so doing you will much oblige your
friend Thos. J. Villard

P.S. enclose your letter or package
to Thos. J. Villard
Bridge Street Georgetown
Dc

at 23

at .

Minut of the United States
Chicago? May 22. 1854

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request contained
in your favor of the 20th inst, I will send Mr. Mason
to you immediately. He has been for some time
engaged in making drafts of the persons and fixtures
which will be required.

Mr. Mason will go out to-morrow.

I am, with great regard
Yours truly,

Sam. R. Remond
Director,

Dr. John J. J. J.
May 22
May office, New York.

Salton May 26. 1854.

D. Munger Esq.

Trans. N.S. Mining.

Sir:

We have recd.
Yours of the 24th inst - enclosing check
for \$1-659⁷⁴. being in settlement for
bills of Copper Planchets, of March 9th &
27th last.

Very Respectfully.

Your obt. servt.

Charles D. Smith.

WILLIAM HOGG & CO.

New York, May 22.

1854

Danl. Sturges Esq.
Treas. Mint. U.S.

De Sir
Your favor of 20th received
as directed therein. we have drawn on you
at sight favor Livingstone & Co. Seven Hundred
(700) Dollars.

Please inform us upon what deposit^{or deposits} of
Gold. the discrepancy arises. and oblige

Yours Resp^y.

Wm Hogg

R. 23

A. 1

Deputy office

Ballo May 16th 1854

Sir,

Messrs of the 12th inst advising me of the delivery
to Messrs Adams & Co of thirty thousand dollars in
Silver in payment of Passenger Dues to \$85 in my favor
came to hand this morning.

I have to acknowledge the receipt at this office
of the slip receipt containing five thousand ^{each} dollars (thirty thou-
sand dollars) referred to in yours of the 12th inst.

I remain very respectfully
Your obedt. servant

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David Sturgess
Secy. U.S. Minr
Philadelphia

Philip H. Thomas
Deputy

Treasury Department
May 16 1854

Dear Sir

I take pleasure to make
you acquainted with Mr. Saml. F.
Buttsworth of New York, who, has
this day been appointed Superintendent
and of the Alloy Office in that
City. Mr. Buttsworth will prob-
ably be in Phila. for some days,
for the purpose of examining
and understanding the operations
processes and arrangements of
the Mint, and you will oblige
me, by affording him whatever
aid and facilities, in that regard,
he may desire.

Lambert

James Buchanan

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

Railroad, Vermont.
May 17th 1854

Treasurer W. S. Smith
Phila. - D. J. Pi

I enclose herewith my check
on Metropolitan Bank "New York" for \$1,100
for which please send me \$1,000 in quarters
per express - also \$100 in cents - via New York
and Troy -

Respectfully

J. B. Payson

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Recd
Sent by Adams Co
May 20th 1854

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Mint of the United States
17 May 1854

Sir

I herewith respectfully
make application for the appointment
of Uigh Clerk of the Mint now
vacant. My long experience in
this office induces me to believe
that I am entirely competent to
the duties to be performed; for my
qualifications I will refer to the
officers and clerks of the Mint who
have had an opportunity of judgment,
and also to the depositors who have
had business with the office.

with great respect

your obed^t servant

Henry S. Cochran

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director

Bank of Salem.

Salem Va. May 17-

Sir Please send this
Bank. or schedule of the
prices you are now paying
at the points for - Old
silver - of all kinds -
including - 5 francs.

I oblige

Yours Res

W. C. D. Pann.

Director U.S.
Mint Phil & P.

and by sending Director Circular

Superintendents Dept.

- Saml. G. Butterworth \$3,500 per annum
 - Geo. F. Stanning clk 1,800 "
 James B. Hunt night clk 1,500
 Joseph M. Floyd accountant 1,500.
 H. J. A. John Asst. night clk 1,200
 Bookkeeper 700.
 Messenger 700.

Apazans Dept.

John Torrey Apazon 2,500.
 Andrew Moser Asst. do 1,500.

Melting and Refining Dept.

Edward N. Kent, Melt & Refiner 2,500
 Clarence Morfit Asst. 1,500

Treasurer's office.

John L. Cocco Asst. Treas. U.S. Ex Off. Treasurer
 - Geo. W. Edelman clk \$2,000.

Apaz - 8
 Refining - 8
 34
 47 men, 2 per day.

May 17. a visit from the Dept.
 - will return next week.
 Next week.

See of the Treasury.

Treasury Department
First Audited Office

May 18th 1854

Sir

Your accounts of Gold & Silver Bullion for the 4th Qr. of
1853 were this day transmitted to the 1st Comptroller
of the Treasury for his decision thereon

Very Respectfully
your obt^d servt

J. L. Smith
Auditor

To

Wm. Dand Sturgeon
Treasurer ad. Milit.
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Phila^a? May 16, 1854.

Sir,

I send you to-day, per Messrs Adams & Co's
Express, some additional specimens of the German-
Silver cent, and some of the Copper or bronze
cent of reduced weight. Being desirous that
the subject should be fully presented to you I
invite Mr. Butler's further attention to his proposed
substitute for copper with a request to furnish
a project of a law on the subject. This reply I
accompany inclosed.

The following statement may be useful in considering
this subject

The cent weight	168 grains = 0.3502 Troy.	^{Proposed} 41.6	^{Profit} 41.6
Proposed, Copper or bronze "	96 = 0.20	41.6	42.9
Present 5 centime (1 Cent.)	77 = 0.16	41.6	54.3
The profit on the proposed German-Silver cent			20.

The bronze or copper specimens weigh 96 grains
each, and not 100 grain as I originally intended;
this change has arisen from the fact that 100 grain
produce long and inconvenient decimals, (0.20833 oz Troy)
and as the mint accounts are kept in ounces and
the decimals of an ounce, and 4 grain will not make
much difference in the weight or profit, I choose to

to modify the proposition in my letter of the 13th inst.

The objection made by Mr. Booth that the bronze Cent, I will have to adopt that word although to some extent objectionable — would be likely to yield too great a profit is certainly entitled to great consideration, but you will see by a comparison of the profits of the French Mint that it is much less than has been found practicable and acceptable there. But in addition to this, it should be noted that ~~much~~ of the importance of the new cent project consists in relieving the Country from the present heavy cent; and that, if it will require, as is probably 50 cents a pound to get in the old Copper Cents, and a considerable outlay for their manufacture, the ^{profit to the} government will not be large. It seems quite important to keep in view the two objects of the proposed Law namely 1. — the issue of a light and Convenient Coin; and 2. — the recall of a heavy and Cumbersome one.

In regard to the danger of Counterfeiting, it would seem impossible to push into circulation to any profitable extent a coinage of such a low denomination. The numerous tokens of 1837 were openly issued and circulated until public notice was given that the law would be enforced, and then the issue was immediately and entirely crushed.

I have the honor to be
with great respects
your faithful servant,

James R. Snowden
Director,

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Project of a Law relative to the
coinage of an alloyed Metal into cents,

Sec 1. Be it enacted, that after the day
of 1854 it shall be lawful for the
Treasurer of the Mint, under instructions
from the Director, to purchase planchets
for an alloy for the coinage of cents,
which shall consist of an alloy of Nickel, copper
and zinc, in which the proportion of Nickel
shall not be less than 35 per cent in weight,
and the remainder shall consist of such
proportions of copper and zinc, as shall
make a good and suitable alloy, and
the more exact proportions of Nickel, copper
and zinc shall be determined by the Director,
subject to the approval of the Secretary of
the Treasury.

Sec 2. Be it further enacted, that the weight of
the cent coin, herein provided for shall be
fifty six (56) grains, and the weight of
one thousand pieces shall not deviate
from the standard weight more than in the
proportion of twenty grains in every ounce.

Sec 3. And be it further enacted, that all other
provisions & enactments, relating to the
copper planchets & copper coin shall
be of equal force and application to
the cent coin herein provided for.



U.S. Mint
Office of the Melt & Refiner

Philadelphia 15th May 1854

Dear Sir

In reply to your request to amplify the views formerly expressed to you in relation to a proposed new Cent Coinage I respectfully suggest

1 That while a good quality of German Silver or of a similar alloy has every other quality desirable for coinage possessed by copper or bronze, unless we except distinctness of color in comparison with silver, it is superior in wearing with uniformity of color, and greatly superior in the light weight of coin, which its greater value insures. For it can be made equal to one third of the weight of the copper cent, with a seignorage of only 20 pr. ct, including the cost of coinage

2 That a seignorage of about 20 pr. ct. for a cent coin is desirable, in order to secure its continued circulation, under fluctuations in the commercial value of metals; but that a very heavy seignorage rather offers temptation to spurious imitation and private coinage

3 That in regulating the coinage of German silver, the quantity of nickel alone should be specified with a moderate marginal limitation, since the per centage of this metal almost wholly determines the value of the alloy. The quantities of copper and zinc might be safely left to the manufacturer, to be regulated according to circumstances in order to insure the production of a good alloy. — or if the per centages of these metals are to be regulated by law, a wide margin of proportional quantity should be allowed. For although iron is about to the value of copper and exists in variable quantity in

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
May 16th 1854

Wm. Carl Sturgeon
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary
Expense accounts for the Quarter ending 31st March last

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

J. L. Smith

Auditor

Treasury Department
May 15. 1854.

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst. has been received. I address you by telegraph this morning authorizing the employment of Mr. Robert Patterson, and I now repeat the authority to employ him at the rate of pay suggested by you ~~of \$150~~ \$150 per month - to be paid from the fund for the incidental and contingent expenses of the Mint.

I am very Resp.
~~I am Sir~~
Sec. Treasury.

Sam^l. Stangen
Mr. Main Philad.

Ans on
28th inst
L.

Custom House Cincinnati
Surveyor's Office May
15th 1854

Application for the new
Cent Coin.

Wm M Leand
Depository

No 104

Respectfully referred
to the Director of the Mint
and so informed the
Depository at Cincinnati
Wm M Leand
18 May 54.

Lei 101 May 10/57

Custom House Cincinnati

Surveyor's Office May 15th 1854

Sir,

I have daily applications from merchants
and others for the new cent coin, and should
like very much if you would have transferred
to this office, one or two thousand dollars.

Very Respectfully Your
ob^d Servant
G. B. M. Lane
Depository

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City
Sfll

Mint of the United States.

Philad^a May 18. 1859.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of yesterday on "the subject of compensation of clerks in the Mint, viz: what salary will be necessary to secure and retain the best clerks - also whether there is a necessity for any additional clerks or any other officers," I have the honor to state that there is a pressing necessity for an increase of the salaries in question. The law regulating the salaries of Mint officers and clerks as fixed by the Act of Jan, 18. 1857 has remained unchanged - since which period the expenses of living have greatly increased. In view of the inadequacy of the salaries four of the most experienced clerks have resigned within the last year; two of whom have been appointed to the New York Assay Office, where the same restriction as to salaries does not exist, as at the Mint. I may also state that another of the most experienced clerks has an offer for a much larger salary than he now receives, and we will probably lose his services unless an increase be authorized. We have now two vacancies in the clerkships which we must soon fill, and it is important that the action of the government and of Congress should be known before that is done. I would therefore propose that so much of the 7th Sec. of the Mint Law as limits the salaries in question to \$1200 per annum be repealed and that the maximum be

fixed at \$1500 a year, as is now established in
some of the institutions which are subordinate to the
mint. I also recommend the employment of one
additional clerk for the purpose of verifying the original
accounts superintending the putting of the same: these are
considerations which induce me to believe that the
fulfillment of this duty, in accordance with such regulations
as we could hereafter prescribe would be advantageous to
the public interests, and a security to the officers who
have the custody of the bullion. As we have an
Assistant Clerk, Receiver and an Assistant
it would seem expedient and proper to have an
Assistant Coiner.

The appointment of clerks and assistants
proposed for in the 8th Sec. of the Mint Law, and which
therefore not require any legislation, except in case
suggestions are approved, in which event an appropriation
for such additional assistant and clerk will be required.
I would suggest that such appropriation be asked for,
and in case of its adoption, the employment of such
persons and the arrangement of their duties should
be directed hereafter by the Department on a statement
of the whole subject. It may be found practicable to
the employment of the additional clerk by assigning the
duties suggested to some one of the clerks already
authorized.

I enclose a statement of the appropriations
required under the existing arrangements, and also

Statement of Salaries and modifications suggested.

The present salaries are as follows

Director	\$5,000.
Treasurer, Attorney,	
Medical Officer, Ship Surgeon	
and Engineer each	\$2,000 10,000
Assistant Surgeon	
Assistant Medical Officer	3,000
7 Clerical Officers each	8,400
	<hr/> \$24,900

It is proposed to increase salaries

Director: Treasurer: Ship Surgeon: \$5,000.

4 . . .	1600
Additional .	1600
Assistant Surgeon . .	1600
Assistant Engineer . .	1200
Assistant Medical Officer .	1600.

I leave a blank in the figures, which may be filled at your discretion, and modify as you may think best that of the Medical Assistants. I will be necessary to amend the aggregate appropriation accordingly.

to the income proposed, and to add at the
end of the appropriation, something like the following:
The Salary of
being hereby increased from
thousand dollars;

; and that the Assistant and Clerk authorized
to be employed by the 7th Sec of the Act of Jan 15, 1845,
shall be allowed such annual salaries as the Director
with the approbation of the President may determine,
provided that no Assistant or Clerk shall receive
more than eighteen hundred dollars per
annum.

suggestion of a migration of the same: leaving
the decision of the matter to your judgment and
discretion.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
Your faithful servant
Saml. May Jr.
Secretary

To James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.^a May 13. 1854.

Sir,

I present a statement exhibiting the
value of the Deposits and Coinage at the
several branches of the A

Commercial Bank of
Wilmington May 13 1854

James R. Snowden Esq.

Sir

I send herewith per
Adams, H. Express. one Reg of American
Half dollars, of the old coin, for which, I
desire return, to be made in new silver
coin as follows. Half dollar, \$4000.

Quarter dollar, 1000.

adding of course, the difference in value,
of the old coin

Respectfully Yours

T. Savage Esq.

of 4292 w 121 ch. fu 7 - \$5193 32

Proceeds here forwarded
by Adams & Co. Express.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a. May 12, 1832.

Sir,

I have yours of the 11th inst. The proceeds
of your silver coin have been forwarded to you
by Martins Express.

I am, Sir, Respectfully,
Yours R^d Thompson.
Secretary.

P. E. Spooner Esq.,
Cash. Merchants & Bankers, Wall St.,
New York
N. Y.

Treasury Department
May 12. 1854.

Sir:

I await your letter upon the subject of compensation of clerks in the Mint viz: what salary will be necessary to secure and retain the best clerks - also whether there is a necessity for any additional clerks or other officers.

I also desire that a report be made to me from the experiments of Mr. Booth of the proportion of metals for the proposed new three cent pieces, viz: the one of the size of the Quarter Eagle, one of enlarged size and the Bronze one proposed by you with the seigniorage of each. It might be desirable to increase the thickness and diminish the diameter of each from the samples sent me.

The Committee are pressing for my recommendations upon these and other subjects and therefore

my desire to hear from you.

Yours, Very Respectfully

James Buchanan

Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. A. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

Treasury Department

May 12 1854

Sir

Upon the subject of your
several communications to this
Department, touching the establishment
in the Mint of a Medal Department
I take occasion to say I have asked
of Congress to make the proper
provision.

In the mean time, I see no
objection to your striking the bronze
and silver ^{Medals} required by the associa-
tion for the Industry of all Nations.
Will you please advise Mr. Harmer
accordingly. That Institution will
of course furnish the metal of
both kinds and defray the expense
if any that appertains to the operation
but no profits gained or considera-
tion is to be derived by any Officer
or employe of the Mint. I am

Very Respy

James Buchanan
Secy of the Navy

A. Ross Snowden Esq

Director of the

Nat. Arch.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. May 11. 1854.

Sir,

In compliance with your request
I have prepared and herewith present to your
consideration a project of a Law to accomplish
the object recommended in my letter of the
25th of January last respecting foreign gold
and silver coins.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful servant,

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury.

James Ross Snowden
Director

No Act relating to foreign coins.

Be it enacted by that all laws hereto-
fore passed which authorize any foreign
gold or silver coins to pass current as money,
and be receivable in payment of debts, be and
the same are hereby repealed; and it shall
be the duty of the Director of the Mint to
append to his annual report of the operations
of the Mint, a statement showing the amount

weight, fineness and mint value, of such
foreign coins as are usually imported into
the United States; such statement shall
be grounded upon trials made in the
assay department of the Mint.

Molokai Valley Bank:
Molokai, May, 10, 1854.

Sir: I have this day forwarded to
"U. S. Mint, Philadelphia," \$530.
by tele. Old Silver Coins, for which
I enclose forwarded me by same Express
proceeds in New Three dollar gold
pieces, and Silver Coins.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. M. Smith

Director of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Penn.

Mount of the United States
Philad^a. May 13. 1864.

Sir,

I have yours of the 10th inst. The proceeds
of your sales, with George's, have been forwarded to
you per Adams's Ex. Co.

I am very respectfully

Yours
Samuel R. Knapp
Winster.

I have also
East Commercial Bank
Washington
D. C.

Albion of the Hudson River,
Philad. ? May 15, 1864.

Sir,

I have yours of the 10th inst. The proceeds
of your sale, which you have been good enough to
send me, I have received & am
very much obliged to you.

I am very respectfully
Yours
Samuel R. V. Venable
Lincoln.

I enclose copy
last communication
Washington
J. C.

Mohawk Valley Bank

Guarding Sons
Silva & Co.

Directors & pl. & d. & c.

17, May 1854

Mohawk Valley Bank:-
Mohawk, May, 11. 1854.

Sir:

Yesterday I forwarded you by
Express Silver coin, and addressed
you a letter stating the bank to be \$30.
I intended to have stated \$33.

Very Respectfully,
J. E. Simon

Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penn.

Procs. have been forwarded
by (Harnden's Express)
Harnden's Express.

Copy

Mint of the United States
Philad May 10. 1854

Sir,

I herewith present to your consideration regulations respecting the transfer of Bullion and Coin, and forms for the adjustment of the acc'ts, between the Mint and the Assay Office at New York.

If the modification of the law in question is made in accordance with the suggestion contained in your favor of the 8th inst, and replied to in my letter of to-day these regulations will be unnecessary. I hasten however to send them in order that the subject may be more fully before you.

I have &c. &c.

E. R. V.
Director.

Wm. I. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

copy

Sir:

U. S. Mint 11th May 1854,

In reply to the second branch of your letter of the 8th inst, I have the honor to state that I fully concur in the propriety of modifying the law establishing ~~the~~ the assay office at N York in the manner you propose.

As a mode of accomplishing the object you have in view, I suggest the following section to your consideration,

Be it enacted so that it shall be at the option of persons depositing gold or silver in bullion or in foreign coins at the assay office in the City of N York, to receive the mint value of the same, either in refined bars, or in bars made in the identical metal, without refining, but in either case to bear a stamp of the weight, fineness and mint value; and so much of any law heretofore passed as authorizes any other mode of payment or return for such deposits is hereby repealed,

Treasury Department

May 10th 1854.

Sir,

Since it appears that the completion of the
Spay office at New York will be delayed for some time,
I will be obliged to you if you will allow Mr. Moffet to
assist Mr. Booth, for one or two months, in experimenting upon
and preparing feasible alloys to be used in preventing
steam boiler explosions.

Very Respectfully
James Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury.

To the

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Phila^a: May 11. 1854.

Sir,

In compliance with the requests contained
in your favor of yesterday, Mr. Morfit has been
instructed to assist Prof. Booth in experimenting
upon and preparing suitable alloys to be used in
preventing steam boiler explosions. This he can
readily do, without interfering with ^{the} instructions he
is receiving in respect to the practical operations of
the melting and refining department of the
Mint.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,

James R. Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

To

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

Practise in the mint of
receiving Good silver
bullion for coinage, time
required to coin the same
& respecting the fund out
of which the advance is
made, &

Respecting the modifica-
-tion of the law establish-
-ing an assay office
at New York

17th May 1854,

of transportation, which the law, as it now stands,
disallows.

3. It would leave the reporter the option of
employing a national refinery, or a private
refinery, or of sending it abroad to be
refined, and more favorable terms if he can find
them.

4. It would convert the receipts for looking up
an additional bullion fund to be applied by the
Treasury of the United States. That which has
been provided to the mint could be diverted
to as to accommodate the operation of bar
making at New York, and in place of
blanking and issuing bars without refining,
which will be found very disadvantageous for
foreign trade, a part of that fund may be
after a time, be returned to the Treasury.

5. It will obviate the necessity of a somewhat
complicated system of accounts, which will
otherwise be required, between the mint at
Philadelphia, and the assay office at New
York.

6. It will be economical to the government.

In these, and perhaps other reasons, which may occur
to you the proposed change cannot appear to be
detrimental.

Article of the United States.
March 10th 1834.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That all gold coins in the United States, and all gold coins in the hands of the public, shall be of the same weight and value.

And it is further enacted, That the said gold coins shall be of the same weight and value as the gold coins of the United States, and shall be of the same weight and value as the gold coins of the United States.

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- The effects of the above enactment are as follows:
1. To do away with counterfeit and their effects.
 2. To remove all the expenses relating to the gold coins, and to the mint, and to the branches, and to the public, and to the same the government the risk and expenses.

Minist of the United States,
Philad.^a May 10, 1854.

Sir,

I present the following reply to so much of your letter of the 5th inst as relates to the enquiry respecting the practice in the mint of receiving gold and silver bullion for coinage and the time required to coin the same, and out of what fund the advance is made for the bullion.

The principal supply of bullion being from California after its arrival on the Atlantic side it is immediately forwarded by its owners to the mint; the bulk of it is received and weighed on the same day that it reaches the mint. The remainder is deposited usually in the course of two or three days thereafter. The melting of about 700,000 in value depending upon the number of the deposits, is accomplished on the day of its reception and the residue in 2 or 4 days thereafter. The assays are made the next day after the melting commences and are usually completed in 3 or 4 days. Payments are made for the deposits as soon as they have been assayed and the value determined, and the practice on this point is to commence payments on the next day after the gold has been received. We have generally on hand from two to four millions of dollars in coins and bars ready to pay out as soon as the value is determined. These coins and bars are a part of the bullion fund which is, placed

in the Mint by the Treasury Department to
secure prompt payments; the remaining part of
that fund is in the hands of the operating officers
in the various processes of Mint operations. If
the payment of the deposits depended upon the
gold bullion being melted, assayed, refined, silver
parted out, and the several processes incident to
coinage attended to, it would require about a
fortnight to convert said bullion into coins.

There are many deposits made at times
other than when an arrival takes place. These are
generally assayed and paid the next day
after they are received.

Silver bullion is paid for as soon as it is
fixed pursuant to the 5th sec. of the act of March
3, 1853.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.

Wm. C. C.

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.

Philad.^a May 10. 1834.

Sir,

I present the following reply to so much of your letter of the 8th inst as relates to the inquiry respecting the practice in the Mint of securing Gold and silver bullion for Coinage and the time required to coin the same, and out of what fund the advance is made for the Bullion.

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The payment of gold bullion is paid for as soon as it is received, according to the price which has been ~~adjusted~~ ^{fixed} pursuant to the 3^d Sec. of the Act of March 3, 1853.

New York, May 8th 1854

My Dear Sir

I regret not having seen you in Washington when you were there. Mr. Guthrie told me that you were to be there on Wednesday, but I was obliged to leave the previous evening. You doubtless know that he has acceded to our wishes about the principal story. His letter on the subject was received this morning. We are now driving matters as fast as possible, but the great delay will be in building the stack. Only a single man can work on the fire brick lining - & this will take him two months to complete.

My chief object at present is to secure one or two young men as aspirant assayers, who ought to be put at once in a course of

New York May 10th 1854

Sir,

Agreeably to instructions contained in your favor of the 24th ult. I have made enquiries in reference to the supply of Nitric acid, but as yet, have not been able to find any one already engaged in the manufacture. A party to whom I made application, have informed me, that if the probable amount of business will justify it, they may be induced to commence the manufacture, and to this end, have requested me to enquire 1st Will the Government enter into a contract for a certain amount, and for a certain length of time? and if so, the amount and time? 2^d. If the Government do not contract for a certain quantity, what will be the probable quantity required? It would perhaps be well to inform me of the quantity of solution of Nitrate of Soda obtained from the Chloride of Sodium salt, and the price at which ^{it} is disposed of, as I hope to be able to make a similar disposition of it here in the event of the acid being made here, but if the acid is obtained from Phil^a. I am afraid that the manufacturers in your city would not pay for its transportation.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Edward M. Heest.

Melter & Refiner U.S. assay office

Col. J. Ross Snowden

Director U.S. Mint

Under the circumstances I at present incline
to make this suggestion - that it may be better
to wait until your office is in operation, and
then the future can be pretty well counted upon
as to the amount of labor that is going to develop
upon you, as also upon the Mint here. I do
~~themselves to find objection~~ but have found
young men (under Mr. Mason) whose services
would be instantly available at whichever
place they would be most needed. It is
quite possible that you would want, and
that we could spare one or more
of these; but that is a question entirely
contingent upon experiment, and I submit
to you whether you had better not wait
a little and see what is best to be
done.

I am, dear Sir, faithfully
and truly yours
Samuel R. Williamson
Secy. of the Mint

Prof. Wm. Jones, Esq.
Payor
Army Office, N. York

Minist of the United States.

Philad^a May 9, 1854.

My Dear Sir,

I have your favor of yesterday, and subscribe the regret that we had not an opportunity of meeting at Washington. But I am glad to learn that your wishes in regard to the arrangement of the apartments of the building at New York would be complied with.

With every disposition to comply with your requests and promote the efficiency of your branch of the public service, I think that the suggestion contained in your letter is grounded upon some misapprehensions of the grade of duties and of compensations of persons to be employed in your office. Although it is desirable that such persons should possess good education and manners, their duties are chiefly limited to accurate weighing and occasional turn at the scale; mechanical operations requiring care and skill but not requiring scientific scholarship. The scale of payment will illustrate my meaning. The young men employed in our assay department are paid monthly at rates varying from \$1.50 to 2.50 per day. If they happen to spend a term for science and a peculiar fitness for the business of assaying, they stand some chance of getting a farther increase in the business, and being advanced as a pay; and they still perform what is expected from them, and are compensated accordingly.

Treasury Department
May 8. 1857

Per:

I desire a clear and distinct statement of the practice in the Mint of receiving Gold and Silver bullion for coinage and the time required to coin the same and out of what fund the advance is made for the bullion. This statement I wish to lay before Congress with a view of getting the law as to the Assay Office in New York modified and placed on the same footing as the Mint.

It seems to me when the bullion is to be coined, it should be delivered at the Mint or any of the branches but when it is only delivered to have an assay or have it melted and refined or sent into Ingots, that might be done at the Assay Office in New York and it should not be paid for unless deposited at the Mint.

I am, Very Respectfully
W. Washington Foster
Secretary of the Treasury

J. A. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed issue of a new series of coins, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

From

Hon James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Enquires as to the practice
in the Mint of receiving
Bullion for coinage,
time required & out of
what fund the advance
payments are made

10th May 1854

Mint of the United States.
Phil^a. May 8. 1854.

Sir,

I enclose a copy of a letter sent me, in regard to making medals for the New York Industrial Exhibition of all Nations. On the 17th ult. I presented a copy of this application for your consideration - If you think it expedient to have these medals struck at the Mint it will be done.

I may say that it would be well, as suggested in former letters, that some definite system on this subject should be established. This minor subject, the public interests, in my opinion, better, and relieve the Mint from unnecessary, and the Treasury department from these applications.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Yours faithfully,

James A. B. Mendenhall
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Phil^a May 8. 1854.

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I have the honor to be
with great respect
Yours faithfully,
James A. B. Howard

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

London, 5th May, 1854.

Hon. Daniel Sturgeon,
Treasr. N.S. Mint, Philad.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of your favour,
dated March, 18th enclosing Invoice & Bill
of Lading of Eighty nine Bbls. Sucep, p
"Jenny Lind"; and I now have the pleasure
to inform you that the Jenny Lind has
just arrived, and that the Sucep, when
landed, shall receive my undivided atten-
tion till the consummation of the Sale.
The Assay balances, ordered for the New
York Assay Office, are nearly finished
and will shortly be shipped.
Messrs. DeLam & Son report the Balance
monétaire to be progressing.

I am, Respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servt.
Jas. W. Farnham.

Dr Silver Bullion

1854

June 30 To M^y Bullion Acct. for
the Standard Silver placed
in Refinery as per Statements
of that also rendered Therewith

1125565

1193386

" " " Deposit Acct for the
Standard & value of the Silver
fracted during the quarter
from gold deposits for
the benefit of Depositors

702035

816593

" " " Profit and loss for the
Standard & value of the
Silver fracted for the
Benefit of the Branch Mint
Also for the fractional
gain on the Computations
of Silver.

428863

498924

437

By 2156463

2519341

1854

June 30 By Mr. Refinery
for the amt deliv^d
during the quarter
per Merchant's

W^m Branch Mint
San Francisco
31st June

Silver Bullion

Sheet for
the Silver Plate
as per Statement
received from the

1025565 1193386

Sheet for the
value of the Silver
in the quarter
deficits for
of Deposits

702035 816598

Sheet for the
value of the
Silver for the
Branch Mint
the fractional
computations

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Cts 2156463 2509341

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1834

June 30 By the difference of Silver
for the last del. Silver
during the quarter as
per Statement 9th

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W. Branch Mint
San Francisco Cal
30th June 1834

Cts 2156463 2509341

J. Rhymer
Treasurer

Gift Bullion Check
1854

1847

June 30 To Branch Mint Col
for the balance carried
forward to 4th of 3rd yr

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Billion Accounts

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1854

June 30 By Sold Carriage for the
Amount received in gold
Coins from Westchester
at New York and Payment
of Exchange Draft No 144
Silver Bullion.

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My Expenses of Silver
for the value of 4000 Silver
bars recd from Mr. West
Smith & placed in Refining
As per Varrant No

5156211

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D. D. D.
For the intrinsic value of
Silver obtained for refusing
purposes in exchange for
Six thousand dollars taken
from the Contingent Fund
of the mint & now placed
to this account until the
same can be refunded
from gold coinage

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Profit & Loss (Columbus)
for the difference between
such intrinsic value and
the total cost of said slave

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Y. Branch Mint
San Francisco Cal
30th June 1854

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A. R. Lyman
Maryland

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US Mint at Philadelphia
Correspondence
General Correspondence
Box 37
1854

Gold Pullion
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Box 37
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By Gold Leverage for the
Stampd value of Exported
gold bars transferred to
this a/c during the quarter
for the payment of deposits
for shipping

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Mr. Esq. of Gold
for the Standard Gold Bullion
del. to him during the q. as
follows. I deposit gold per
March 70 102,543.00 4,207,202.94

Apr. 29 1795 / 739 526.88
Coining Chest of Gold for
the ingots deliv^d to him as per
Warrant N^o 7

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"Profit & Loss for the difference
between the true & the stamped
value of unpaired bars.

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Branch Int. for the
Balance in Foreign Hand
at date.

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Wm Branch Mint
San Francisco Cal
30 June 1837

(3) 345290814 & 6424015.15

W. L. Snyder
Treasurer

US Mint at Philadelphia
Correspondence
General Correspondence
Box 37

Sheffield Mass June 20/39
To the Supt of the Mint Phila

Dr Sir I write you
for information concerning the amt
deposited at the Mint by Adam Smith on
account of my Mother that I Smith
whose death took place a few days since
at this village by the paper in his possession
it seems he had deposited \$200 and at
the time and at another \$100 will you
have the kindness inform me of the exact
amt placed to his credit and as soon
as the necessary papers can be made
out after hearing from you I shall then
know how to act and draw the same to be
at least for the benefit of those lawfully
entitled to it I am early attention to the
above with greatly oblige Yours Truly

Alexander Smith
Sheffield Mass

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a July 5, 1854.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 30th ult.
If you will inform us of the dates
of the deposits referred to, I will be happy
to furnish the information you desire.

I am very Respectfully,

Saml. P. Snowden
Director.

Mt. Alex. Smith.
Sheffield
Mass.

Mint of the United States.
Philad: July 5. 1854.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 30th ult^o. In reply I have to state that the name of Thos. S. Smith, did not appear on the list of unpaid depositors. The proceeds of the deposits to which you refer, were no doubt sent to Mr Smith by Messrs Adams & Co., but as you have not given us the dates of the deposits, I am therefore unable to ascertain the value of the same. If you will state the year & month in which the deposits were made, I will furnish you the information you desire.

I am very Respectfully,

Director.

Mr Alex. Smith
Sheffield
Mass.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1854/AUGUST

Mint of the United States. Should be done at
Philadelphia, August 21st, 1854.
Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday, with the enclosed stated, and presenting some modifications of the instructions for the transaction of business at the assay office at New York, heretofore transmitted to you.

I think it proper to remark that unless there had been some change in the law establishing the Assay Office (and of such change, if any, I am unadvised) some of the modifications suggested require a reconsideration. As the law now stands it seems imperative upon the Treasurer when required by the depositor to issue his certificate of the net value of the deposit payable in coin at the Office of the Assistant Treasurer at New York or at the Mint of the United States. (See 11th Sect. Act of March 4, 1853, Mint pamph. p. 64 and 65) This provision may be inconvenient and complicating and may also be regarded as inexpedient, but it is not impracticable, and unless since modified, seems to be as imperative as legislation can make it.

It also appears by the law in question that all bullion intended by the depositor to be converted into the coins of the U.S. "shall, as soon as assayed and the net value determined, be transported to the Mint of the United States for coinage." (See last clause of same section.) For the purpose of an assay, and a determination of value, no refining or parting is necessary, but only the first melt of the bullion. There are good reasons, independent of the requirements of the law, why the parting and

refining of the portion intended for coinage should be done at the Mint here, among which I may mention the fact that the transportation of the bullion whether parted and refined, or merely melted and assayed, will become necessary, and as the Mint at Philad.^a has to prepare it for coinage it may as well do all the work upon it including the refining or parting. The assay office will be overburdened with work if all the refining and parting is to be done there; besides it will cost more to the government in view of the higher wages paid at New York and the greater cost of materials. I may also state that the estimates for this fiscal year are predicated upon the parting of the gold designed for coinage being done at the Mint, and the refining of bars for payment at New York, to be done there. This arrangement will keep both institutions sufficiently employed; and in case of accident or inability from any cause to do the work at either place, depositors will not be unnecessarily delayed. If the refining of all the gold whether deposited for bars or for coinage is done at New York, then the apparatus and means of this institution to part and refine will become comparatively useless, and we will have to depend entirely upon the refinery at New York; this, however, is not contemplated by the law on this subject, neither is it, in any point of view, expedient or desirable.

I think the following points are prescribed by the law and will be found practicable and convenient.

1. That bullion received at New York, the payment of which is required either in pure metal or bars of standard fineness (no standard bars have yet been asked for) shall be, melted,

assayed and parted at that office.

2. That bullion intended by the depositor to be converted into the coins of the United States, shall as soon as assayed and its net value determined be transferred to the Mint of the U.S. where it shall be parted and coined.

3. That the owner of bullion deposited at the New York assay office may require a certificate of the net value of his deposit payable in coins of the same metal, either at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York or at the Mint of the United States at his option.

4. Where the bullion is to be melted only and cast into unparted bars, the proper charge will be made therefor and the identical metal returned to the depositor.

Before proceeding to modify the instructions, I have thought it my duty to present these views to your consideration.

I may add that the instructions present a detailed statement of the duties of the officers and clerks, and where a clerk is named it was only intended to indicate the routine of service to be performed by such clerk, without, however, relieving the officer from his responsibility; but to prevent any misapprehension on that point, I will modify them in accordance with your instructions.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Ross, *Secretary*
Director.

Am: James Guthrie,
Secy. of Treasury;

Minist of the United States.
Chicago? Aug 24 1854

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 19th inst.
The arrangement you have made in respect to
the supply of postage will be entirely satisfactory.
I had, as you state, some information on this
subject previous to the receipt of your letter but
I was desirous of having the precise nature
of the agreement placed on file in my office.

I have desirous to say a letter from the
Sec of the Treasury enclosing the instructions
and forms respecting your office postage trans-
mitted to him. He desires them to be changed
in several particulars, among which are

1. That certificates, for the present be not issued.
2. That no letters shall be transmitted from

The apptg office of the Post except in the
the case of a letter in fact. Case by the
Department.

I have written to him to-day stating that
unless the law has been changed, if it has I am
uninformed, the department being against the law
to issue the certificates mentioned in fact the act of
March 4, 1853. And 2. That the law requires

The following instructions for carrying & for drawing to
be the limit as long as it is applied and the
value determined (see later columns
of same list.)

It seems to be also the wish of
the Secretary that nothing but fine bags
should be sent to the mint, and that
that all the copying shall be done at
your office. I think it will be found
advantageous to both institutions, as well as,
to the government, and especially, that the
folds intended for carrying them be sent
down after it is applied and its value
determined; and the folds intended for fine
bags be applied upon at your office.
This will enable both to be employed, and
prevent delay, besides, in case of accident
or inability from any cause, at either place,
to do the work the other could do it, and
thus prevent unnecessary delay & expense
too.

It is also in favor of your making unfolding
bags, to which I entirely agree.

On the other points I have nothing to be
disputed and will accede to your
proposal. Independent of this being
an interesting subject to your institution &
therefore not to be lost, I have also

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I know all men by these presents, that we Martin Kalbfleisch
of Bushwick, L. I., and James L. Morgan of New York City are
held and firmly bound unto the United States of America, in the
penal sum of Ten thousand dollars, the payment of which, well truly
to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs and assigns, jointly and severally,
firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and seals this fourth day of
August, A.D. 1854

Whereas the said Kalbfleisch has this day, by an agreement in
writing, covenanted and agreed to and with Samuel S. Butternorth, the
Superintendent of the U. S. Assay in the City of New York, to furnish and
deliver at said office in Wall Street all the Nitric Acid that may be
required for the refining thereof, in such quantities as may be desired,
and of the strength of 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, free from Sulphuric Acid, Muriatic Acid,

I know all men by these presents, that we Martin Kalbfleisch
of Breuckelen, L. I., and James L. Morgan of New York City, are
held and firmly bound unto the United States of America, in the
penal sum of Ten thousand dollars, the payment of which, well truly
to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs and assigns, jointly and severally,
firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and seals this fourth day of
August, A.D. 1854.

Whereas the said Kalbfleisch has this day, by an agreement in
writing, covenanted and agreed to and with Samuel S. Bullworth, the
Superintendent of the U.S. Mint, in the City of New York, to furnish and
deliver at said office in Hall Street all the Nitric Acid that may be
required for the refining thereof, in such quantities as may be desired,
and of the strength of 37 lbs. free from Sulphuric Acid, Muratic Acid,
and at all times subject to the approval of the Master and Refiner of
said Mint Office, at the rate of seven cents per pound;

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the
said Kalbfleisch shall in all respects well and truly keep and
perform the covenants contained in said agreement, and shall deliver
such Nitric Acid of the quality and at the price specified, then the
above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

New York, August 2, 1854.

Witness
Edward A. Kent

(Signed)

Martin Kalbfleisch

(Seal)

(Signed)

James L. Morgan

(Seal)

*Received of Martin Kallfleischer
the sum of Ten thousand dollars
on the 4th day of August 1854*

I know all men by these presents, that we Martin Kallfleischer
of Bushwick, L. I., and James L. Morgan of New York City, are
held and firmly bound unto the United States of America, in the
penal sum of Ten thousand dollars, the payment of which, well & truly
to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs and assigns, jointly and severally,
firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and seals this fourth day of
August, A.D. 1854.

Whereas the said Kallfleischer has this day, by an agreement in
writing, covenanted and agreed to and with Samuel F. Butterworth, the
Superintendent of the U. S. assay in the City of New York, to furnish and
deliver at said office in Wall Street all the Nitric Acid that may be
required for the refining thereof, in such quantities as may be desired,
and of the strength of 34 lbs. free from Sulphuric Acid, Musiac Acid,
and at all times subject to the approval of the Master and Refiner of
said assay office, at the rate of seven cents per pound;

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the
said Kallfleischer shall in all respects well and truly keep and
perform the covenants contained in said agreement, and shall deliver
such Nitric Acid of the quality, and at the price specified, then the
above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

New York, August 4, 1854.

Witness
John A. Kent

(Signed) Martin Kallfleischer

(Seal)

(Signed) Jas. L. Morgan

(Seal)

Treasury Department
August 22, 1854

Sir

I have received your letter of the 21st.
My letter of the 22nd was not without considera-
tion of the laws applicable to the Office in New
York.

The 11th section of the act providing for
the assay office in New York prescribes that the
bullion shall be received at the assay office in
New York in the manner and under the regulations
that are or may be provided in like cases at the
Mint and that such bullion shall be without
delay melted, parted, refined and assayed and the
net value thereof and of all foreign coins deposited
ascertained and then provides for Treasurer thereof
issuing a certificate payable in the coins of the same
metal as that deposited either at the Assistant
Treasurer or at the Mint at the option of the
depositor.

I propose that the Assistant Treasurer
shall, instead of that certificate, which he
might give payable at his own office or that of

the Treasury of the Mint, pay the money and the regulations must be so made and the money paid unless, in those cases, the Depositor shall require the certificate provided for in the 11th Section instead of the Money and when so required the regulations may authorize the certificate to be signed by me or will not require the certificate -

This section also provides that the bullion and coin intended by the depositor at the Assay Office to be converted into coin of the United States shall be melted, parted, refined and assayed, be cast in said office into bars, ingots or disks either of pure metal or of standard fineness as the owner may prefer and the section then proceeds to direct the bullion and coin intended by the depositor to be converted into coin of the United States shall, as soon as assayed and its net value certified, as above provided, ^{be} transferred to the Mint, that is the bullion, and coin so melted, parted, refined and assayed, & certified for shall be transferred to the Mint under such direction as the Secretary of the Treasury shall direct, and at the expense of the contingent fund of the Mint, and be there coined. There is no provision in said section or

any other that requires bullion when melted & assayed only at said Assay Office to be certified, as directed for bullion, melted, parted, refined and assayed; and I do not intend that Depositors shall have the right to demand coin for bullion in that state - It will be sufficient that they may have it melted, and assayed and cast into bars, ingots, & disks for the purposes of commerce.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Samuel B. Mendenhall
Secretary of the Treasury,

J. Pope Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia
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Mint of the United States.
Philad^a, August 22nd, 1864.

Dear Sir:

You will please find enclosed Bill of Lading for articles for the Miller & Refiner's department shipped yesterday as Charin Packet. The articles referred to are, 1 Bbl. Molasses of color, 1 Bbl. Borax - 1 Box of one dozen suets and 3 doz: duckets, and 1 Box of Books of App.

Respectfully Your friend & Serv^t,

Samuel Ross Snowden
Director.

J. F. Butterworth, Esq.,
Asst. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Baltimore August 23 1854
Director of the U.S. Mint,

Sir I observe by the newspapers
that the Mint has adopted a new die for
gold dollars, and that it is intended to issue that
coin from it. As I am engaged in manufacturing
my Spanish gold coin detector, I as the favor
of you to send me one of the new coins
that I may adapt my apparatus to it. You
will greatly oblige me by so doing, as I am ob-
liged to suspend my work till I get it.

I shall be obliged to you also if you
can inform me whether it is contemplated
to make any other changes in the ^{other} gold coinage.
I am of the opinion that however beautiful this
new coin may be, it is an unfortunate proceeding,
as it will add to the facilities of the counterfeiters.
It will be impossible to recall the old coinage,
and replace it with the new, as they are both
of equal value, and thus we shall have two
coins of the same value but of different forms,
in circulation. The counterfeiters of the old coinage
are now quite abundant. It seems to me that
the coins should be of a fixed and single
form of uniform size, that the common people
may be able to know them at once.

Wm. A. R. Smith
and Co.,

Respectfully Gideon B. Smith
M.D.

From G. B. Smith M.D.,
Baltimore, Md.
Dated Aug. 23/54.

Recd. 25 Aug.

Requesting specimen of the new gold
dollar - for the "gold coin selected" - and
as to the value of same coin being too uncertain
for sending - increasing the chance of fraud.

Major Adams. L.
Philadelphia

W York Aug 22 1814

Gentlemen

I receive to day the Returns with \$522.30 for my master from 11. Inst. which came not out to my satisfaction as it should have amounted at least \$10. more, and you would oblige me to enquire, if it not occurred a mistake in the charging or elsewhere.

To day I sold two Bags valued at \$600 & 500 which please to let be melted separately and sold as usual. The silver let be in Sold.

Yours

E. M. M. C.

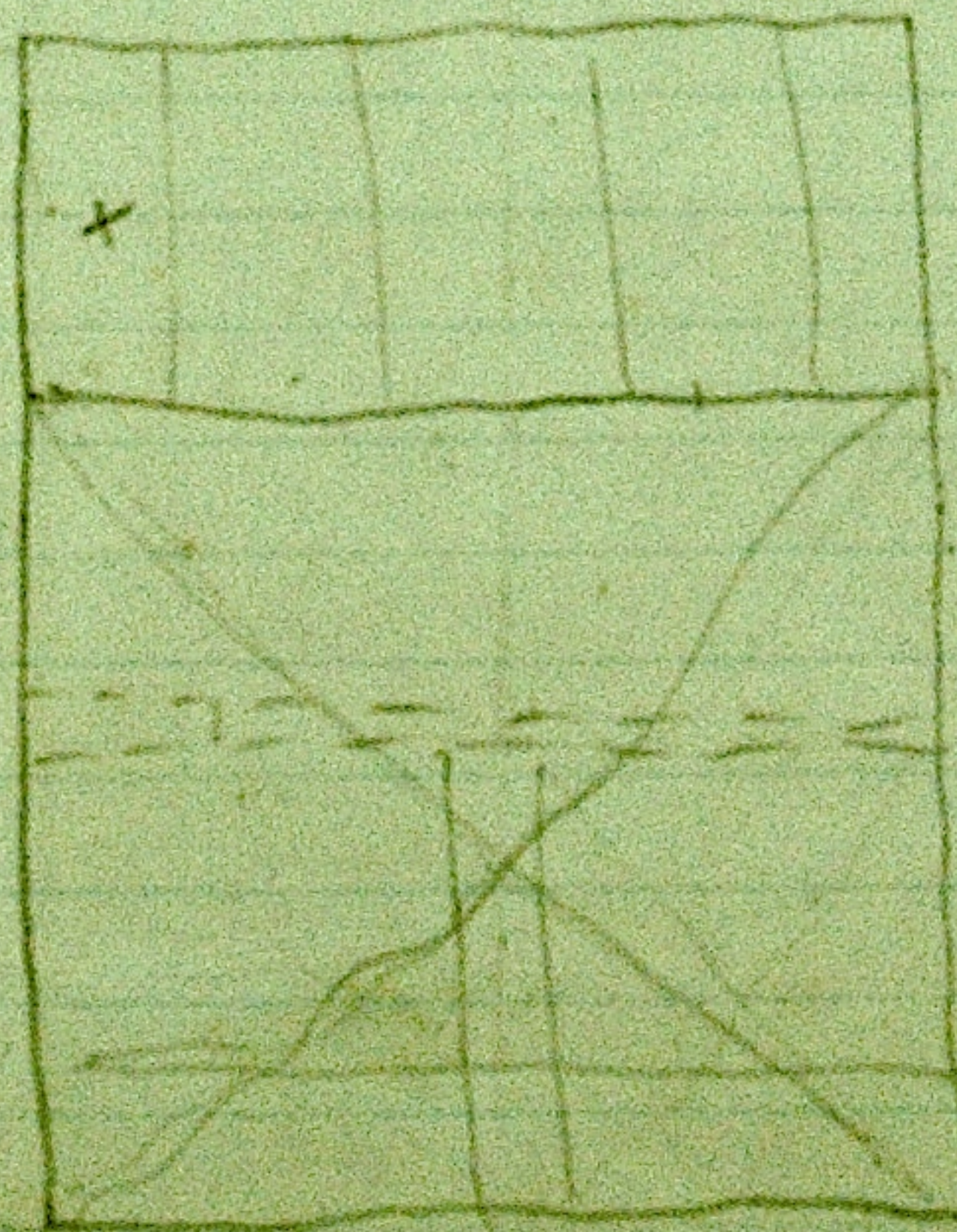
100 Greenbacks

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1.40

Pinch

French coins, 900
German coins, } 875
Danish, Norwegian }
Thalers of Prussia } 750
+ Hanover, Saxe }
New florin coins } 900
of Germany - }

W. J. C.



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London Aug. 23. 1837.

Dear Mr. May Jr.

Dear Sir,

We enclose bill
of 27 keps planchets, shipped to John
D. Crocker.

We will thank you to forward
to Messrs. Mason, No 11. State Street,
Boston, one thousand dollars, in
cash. You will accommodate by
sending the above by steam propeller.

Yours,

Very Respectfully

Crocker & Co.

16 1/2
6 1/2
1 cent

Min^{try} of the United States.
Philadelphia, August 24, 1854.

Dear Sir:

Bills amounting to \$620.⁰⁰ against the Alder
office, have been presented here for payment. The balance
in my hands in your favor is \$5, and it will therefore be ne-
cessary for me to write to the Department for sufficient funds
to liquidate these bills, unless you can pay them in New York,
which, if convenient to yourself, I would prefer that you should
do.

Respect and only your friend.

Robt. W. P.

Samuel R. P. Menden
Director

S. J. G. B. Menden, Esq.

Supdt. U.S. Alder Office,
New York City

U.S. Assay Office
N.Y.C.

Aug 24 1854

Dear Sir

The balloons which have been provided for this office I fear are too small; we shall have frequent occasions to weigh over 500^{os}; if their capacity extended to 1250^{os} it would save time & labor; pray think of this; I think that we shall require balloons of equal capacity with those at the Mint, if we are to serve the public as expeditiously as you do.

I rec^d your interesting letter in relation to the "Instructions". I am surprised at the attempt to get rid of the Culp system, has the law been altered? Yours friend
Sam. T. Buttumuth, Jr.